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Tuition increase likely

Regents expected to okay midyear tuition hike

"If I were a betting person, I would probably say there will be [a mid-year tuition increase]."

—Institute President
Wayne Clough

Why tuition will probably go up next semester

- The state legislature changed a payroll policy that effectively cut \$180 million from state agencies.
- The University System now faces a \$68 million shortfall.
- To offset the shortfall by laying off personnel, the University System would have to fire roughly 1,700 people.
- A tuition hike is the remaining option.

By Haining Yu
Assistant News Editor

Due to Gov. Sonny Perdue's decision to recall a "payroll shift," Tech, along with the 33 other institutions in the University System of Georgia, is now poised to see an unprecedented midyear increase in tuition this spring.

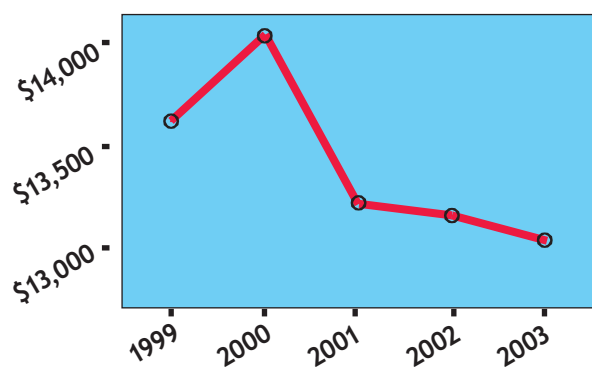
At the Oct. 12 and 13 meeting of the Board of Regents that will take place on Tech Campus, Chancellor Thomas Meredith will most likely recommend a possible 10 percent increase in tuition for next semester.

The increase, if approved by the Board, will be the first time that the state of Georgia has seen a midyear tuition hike in its schools.

The "payroll shift" originally planned for this fiscal year would have deferred the final June 2005 paycheck for all Georgia employees until the beginning of July.

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State funding levels per Tech student over the last five years



Senate campaign begins

By Michael Handelman
Contributing Writer

The campaign period for Graduate Senate elections is now underway. Online voting begins Mon., Sept. 20 and runs until midnight Wed., Sept. 22. Response to the call for Senate candidates has been "moderate," according to Internal Development and Elections chair Pelham Norville.

A fixed number of Senate positions are available to full-time students in good standing.

Graduate students vote for candidates within their respective schools.

Graduate students who sought a seat in the Senate had to fill out an application verifying their eligibility. While a publicity campaign composed of banners, newspaper advertisements and e-mails was conducted to advertise candidate sign-ups for the election, the graduate student picnic garnered the most enthusiastic response.

"Since the majority of people have picked up a packet on Fri-

day at the picnic, we have had a moderate response so far, and that is consistent with what we see," Norville said.

Although this year's trends in application turn-ins are consistent with previous years, there may be an extension to the deadline to submit applications. According to Norville, a determination is made "[if] we're going to fill a significant portion of our senate seats...and if we didn't, we'd consider extending

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Silly Rabbit, Jobs Are for Kids:

The annual Career Fair came to campus this past Monday and Tuesday, drawing well-dressed students armed with resumes. The Trix Rabbit was on hand to represent General Mills on the floor, while a Michelin employee demonstrated a Segway at his company's booth.

By Stephen Marek / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS



New lab researches early cancer detection

By Alexandra Pajak
Contributing Writer

The Ovarian Cancer Institute (OCI) Lab opened Sept. 8 at Tech. Drs. John McDonald, Ph.D. and Benedict B. Benigno, M.D., supervise the research goal of the institute: developing diagnostic tests and treatments to better detect and fight ovarian cancer.

The opening of the OCI lab followed the appointment of McDonald as Tech's new chairman of the biology department. McDonald formerly served as a geneticist at the University of Georgia. Already the head of the OCI based in Atlanta, McDonald is also a member of Georgia Research Alliance's Bioinformatics Committee.

McDonald said, "The OCI was already established while I was at UGA. The institute came with

me."

The OCI lab is located in the Parker H. Petit Institute for Bioengineering and Bioscience.

Benigno, a gynecological oncologist, has worked in Atlanta for over 25 years.

The development of a reliable diagnostic test for ovarian cancer stands as a primary goal for the new lab. "One of our primary objectives is to develop a single, easy-to-use blood test that could be part of every woman's gynecological check-up in the doctor's office to detect early stage ovarian cancer," said Anne Morgan. Morgan works as the director of administrative and fundraising developments of the OCI.

McDonald said the new lab reflects continuing growth of Tech's biology department. "It's

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Alumnus killed in Iraq fighting

Tyler H. Brown, a 26-year-old Tech alumnus, was killed this week in fighting in central Iraq. According to the Defense Department quoted in the *Atlanta Journal-Constitution*, Brown was a first lieutenant in the Army.

Brown served as student body president in 1999-2000. He earned a dual degree in Management and History, Technology and Society. He was a member of Kappa Alpha fraternity and he was also enrolled in ROTC. Upon graduation, Brown was commissioned and served in South Korea before going to Iraq. Information regarding the time and place of a memorial service was not available at press time.

Next week, the *Technique* will offer an in-depth look at Brown as well as other students and alumni who are serving in the armed forces.

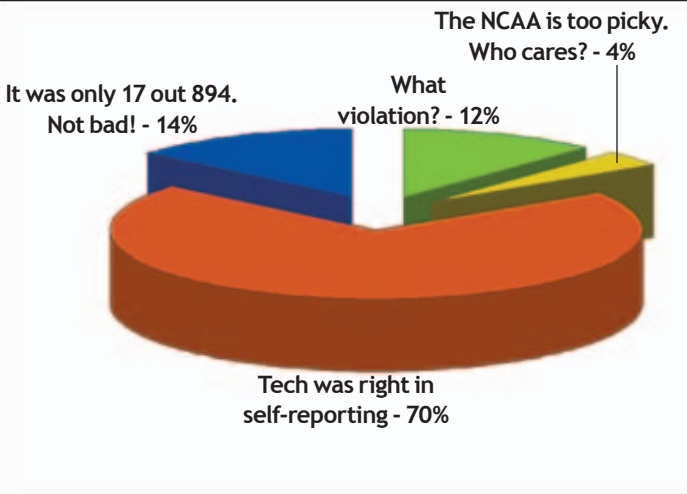


By Stephen Marek / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Researcher Lilya Matyunina trains new graduate student Masahiro Kajita in the Ovarian Cancer Institute Lab located in the IBB.

TechniqueOnline Voice your opinion!

Last issue's question received 107 responses.
What do you think of Tech's NCAA violation?



By Lauren Griffin / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

This week's question:

What did you do to survive your first week of tests?
Tell us at www.nique.net



Forgery-fraudulent
9/8/2004 15:53:00 hrs.
Location: 48 Fifth Street
Incident: Report of printing and executing counterfeit checks.

Theft
9/8/2004 7:51:00 hrs.
Location: O'Keefe main building
Incident: Report of stolen computers and cameras.

9/8/2004 7:52:00 hrs.
Location: Curran parking deck
Incident: Report that a 2004 Suzuki GSX R1000 motorcycle was stolen.

From the files of the GTPD...
Crime Reports

Theft (continued)
9/8/2004 13:27:00 hrs.
Location: Woodruff Dining Hall
Incident: Offender arrested for shoplifting.

9/9/2004 10:54:00 hrs.
Location: Student Center
Incident: Report of a stolen bicycle.

9/9/2004 21:25:00 hrs.
Location: 781 Marietta Street
Incident: Report that a 1996 Honda Accord was entered and items were taken.

9/10/2004 11:47:00 hrs.
Location: Skiles
Incident: Burglary: report of stolen checks.

9/10/2004 13:20:00 hrs.
Location: Woodruff South
Incident: Report of stolen building floor plans.

Controlled substances
9/10/2004 2:12:00 hrs.
Location: Towers residence hall
Incident: Students in possession of drug-related objects.

9/10/2004 0:45:00 hrs.
Location: Freeman residence hall
Incident: Report of alcohol possession.

Battery
9/10/2004 18:38:00 hrs.
Location: Student Center loading dock
Incident: Offender arrested for obstruction of officer, simple battery and giving a false name.

9/11/2004 2:39:00 hrs.
Location: 1030 McMillan Street
Incident: Report of a physical altercation.

Corrections

- Last week, the *Technique* incorrectly reported the major of a student who committed suicide. The student was a Chemistry major, not a Chemical Engineering major.

The *Technique* welcomes your comments and suggestions, as well as information about errors that call for correction. Messages may be emailed to nique@gatech.edu. Letters to the editor may be directed to the same address, or to opinions@technique.gatech.edu.

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Representatives find account total smaller than reported

By Stephen Baehl
News Editor

The undergraduate SGA meeting began with what at first seemed like a sobering report as Treasurer Ambika Bumb said the account total for Prior Year needed to be adjusted. Instead of the roughly \$260,000 listed as available in the account, the number was half that, along the lines of \$130,000.

The situation was not as grim as it first appeared. The problem arose from a miscommunication between the budgeting office and SGA, said JFC chair David Andersen. The original \$260,000 figure given to SGA was the amount left over from last year before it was split between the SGA's Prior Year and Capital Outlay accounts, as is always done.

The new figure of \$130,000

is, however, more in line with last year's starting Prior Year account total, which was around \$140,000. So, the SGA was left with about the same amount of money for Prior Year, which funds most bills, as last year. However, Bumb did caution representatives about their spending. She said SGA has already spent about 13 percent of its money from the account for this year.

The Capital Outlay account, which is used to fund requests for things like equipment that is meant to last a long time, is of the reported size, according to Bumb. "We've spent 2.4 percent of our Capital Outlay, which is still reasonable," she said.

Some representatives asked about the possibility of transferring money

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Grads allocate money for Kayak Club boats, paddles

By Stephen Baehl
News Editor

The Graduate Student Senate meeting began late Tuesday morning, but the delay did not prove to be a problem, as only two bills were considered. One did not even involve any money.

Before getting to business, though, Vice President Lisa Brown reminded senators of the upcoming elections. "You have to run again for election if you're a senator now," she said. "We're going to be voting next week."

Senator Pelham Norville echoed the advice, and added, "Please encourage people in your departments to run."

During the rest of short meet-

ing, the graduates considered a joint allocation to the Kayak Club. The bill requested \$7,090 for the purchase of two new boats for a total of \$6,090 and four paddles at a cost of \$250 each.

The senators questioned the organization representative, club president David Goodman, about the team's need for the boats. He said that between having 31 members with only 17 boats between them, and having different boats required for different races, the team needed more boats to remain competitive.

"If there are people wanting to participate in the club, but they don't have a kayak to sit in, that is a problem," Norville said.

The graduates passed the bill unamended after some discussion.



By Stephen Marek / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Aaron Bolduc, Aakash Juwiala and Daniel Brooks look over the plans for the new Fifth St. bridge expansion at the Undergraduate House of Representatives meeting Tuesday night.

Bills considered by both houses of the Student Government Association

Undergraduate House of Representatives

Title	Author	Status
Allocation to FreShGA	Patrick Cook	Passed
Joint allocation to Kayak Club	Stephanie Bent	Passed
Resolution expressing condolences	Amy Phuong	Passed
Appointments to Institute committees	Amy Phuong	Passed

Graduate Student Senate

Joint allocation to Kayak Club	Pelham Norville	Passed
Appointment of Joint Finance Committee Member	Kasi David	Passed

SLIVER

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what do you expect to happen?

Oui c'est moi un autre fois

Way to go caribbean people representing 3 techniques, 3 pictures. Let's see if we did it a fourth time.

Your Sliver Here.

i hate slivers

Make me, O Lord, Thy spinning wheel complete.

What ever happened to the War of 1812?

Something there is that doesn't love a wall

Oh, I have slipped the surly bonds of earth, And danced the skies on laughter-silvered wings;

Who the hell is submitting all this poetry?

Build thee more stately mansions, O my soul, / As the swift seasons roll! / Leave thy low-vaulted past! / Let each new temple, nobler than the last, / Shut thee from heaven with a dome more vast, / Ti

Ok seriously, is this some sick promotion for a poetry reading or something?

How do you like to go up in a swing, / Up in the air so blue? / Oh, I do think it the pleasantest thing / Ever a child can do!

Ok, I've officially created some code that stops that damn poetry from being submitted in the Sliver box. Amazing what a little Python can do.

kane: are you single?

poor daniel. we really do appreciate all of your hard work and dedication.

um

who's your spiritual daddy? did he make u see the the light?

Woody's PB and banana rocks my world

I don't know if that worked...

"He picked up a flamethrower, and barbequed Blitzen, took a big bite and said, it tastes just like chicken."

Does it look like I just want to be friends?

ALL girls play games

What am I doing here.. I'm an INTA major.

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UHR from page 3

from one account to the other. “We will run out of Prior Year in February or January,” said representative Chris Rankine.

Andersen said, “You can transfer money from one account to another, but it’s one of those things where you have to change the policy. It’s not really encouraged.”

But he added, “There’s nothing restricting us from doing it besides the fact we don’t do it very often.”

The undergraduates considered two budget allocation bills Tuesday. The first dealt with an allocation to FreShGA for its new member retreat this weekend. Students in charge of the planning were concerned that there would not be enough lodging to accommodate all students in attendance, forcing some to use sleeping bags.

As such, they requested \$45 to fund the rental of up to 15 sleeping bags from ORGT.

Some representatives questioned the validity of assuming half of the

new members attending the retreat would not have their own sleeping bags. However, the organization representative said the allocation was asked for as money to be set aside, not a guaranteed expenditure.

“Just because you allocate that money to us does not mean you hand us a blank check,” he said, adding that the FreShGA would have to prove its purchases. As few as three or as many as 15 of the sleeping bags might be needed; what was left would not be used by the organization.

The bill also requested funding for

T-shirts and the trip’s expenses.

Andersen said JFC’s recommendation was to cut the T-shirt request. “Every organization wants T-shirts for some sentimental reason. It’s not fair for us to set precedent here.”

SGA typically does not fund T-shirts.

“I’m in SGA,” Rankine said. “Been here three years. I had to buy my shirt.”

In the end the bill passed, sans T-shirts, for a total of \$315.

UHR also considered a bill request from the Kayak Club for

\$7,090. The bill requested two new boats for the club, a Nelo for \$3,750 and an SRS K-2 boat for \$2,340, as well as four new paddles, worth \$250 each.

“These things are not cheap. I’m aware of that,” said David Goodman, president of the Kayak Club. “They are difficult to produce; there are only four manufacturers in the world,” he said referring to the paddles.

Goodman said the club was running double and triple practices in order to accommodate its 31 members. The Kayak Club owns 17 boats, but due to having different types of racing boats (including those that hold different numbers of racers), the practices have to go in shifts.

He said the team had to borrow boats in California for the national championship races last year. If the bill were not passed, he said, “We would probably get killed in the national championships.”

Earth and Atmospheric Sciences representative Hunter Oates expressed his support of the bill. “These are actually very good deals for this equipment,” he said. He noted that equipment is important for the club’s races, and these items are not what the club would want to get at the local Wal-Mart.

“Ask any runner what a hundredth of a second does to a race,” he said.

Some representatives expressed concern over high levels of SGA funding typically requested by the organization, however. “We’ve funded these people heavily over the last few years,” one representative said.

According to the GSS coordinating officer’s report, SGA gave the club \$6,480. Also, the club received \$600 in budget allocations for new paddles.

Goodman said the \$600 could only buy two paddles, however.

Other representatives questioned whether the Kayak Club had exhausted all means of funding before coming to SGA.

Andersen said of the JFC, “We do feel they have a lot of opportunities to bring in a lot of corporate sponsorships.”

Goodman said the club has an agreement with Red Bull, and is currently working toward several others, but he is afraid none will pan out in a reasonable time for the club to get its boats. Members need time to practice in the boats well before competition, he said.

Goodman also said this was the first time the club had managed to get such discounted rates, such as the reduced price it had obtained on the Nelo boat.

“In SGA we have a standard,” said Public Policy representative Saira Amir. “And that standard is that unless we aren’t the last source of funding, we don’t fund it. And I don’t think a deal is worth breaking that standard.”

Representatives also pointed out that the club’s four alumni members were charged the normal semester dues, \$35, while many organizations typically charge non-student members extra. Further, one representative said that the dues were low to start with.

In the end, the house cut funding for the SRS K-2 boat and two of the paddles, bringing the bill total to \$4,250. It passed by a wide margin.

The house also passed a bill expressing condolences and appointed new committee members. Both bills were passed by unanimous acclamation.



By Julia Bunch / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Telling it Like it is: Institute President Wayne Clough speaks to a meeting of the general faculty Tuesday. The meeting featured a presentation on recent state budget cuts and also included an overview of revisions to the Conflict of Interest Policy and a look at regulations on research carried out on vertebrates.

Breaking the Bubble



A lot of things went on outside the bubble of Tech in the past week. Below are summaries of a few of the important events taking place throughout the nation and the world.

Kerry and Bush focus on domestic issues

Domestic issues are the hot topic this week, as Kerry and Bush moved on from criticizing each other's war records to attacking each other's policies on the economy, jobs and healthcare. In an address to the Detroit Economy Club, Kerry called Bush's presidency the "excuse presidency." Kerry said, "He's blamed just about everyone but himself and his administration for America's economic problems." The Bush campaign responded by calling Kerry's remarks "pessimistic" and by bringing up Kerry's "flip-flop" tendencies on issues such as taxes and social security.

Martha Stewart wants to go to jail

Martha Stewart announced Wednesday that she wants to begin her jail term as soon as possible. Sentenced in July to five months in prison and five months of home confinement, Stewart said that she wanted to get the sentence over with in order to be able to "reclaim her life." In the meantime, Stewart's lawyers are still appealing her conviction of lying to federal officials about her ImClone Systems stock. In her statement Stewart said she is looking forward to getting on with her "life and living as soon as possible."

Survey says women work more than men

The U.S. Labor Department released a study showing that the average working woman spends nearly twice as much time doing housework and taking care of the children than the average working man. The study, which tracked the daily activities of 21,000 Americans around the country, also revealed that the average adult, working and non-working, has about five hours of leisure time a day, and that about half of that time is spent in front of the television. On average, only about 20 minutes are spent on sports activities, and only another 20 on "thinking and relaxing."

Two majors dropped from ACM

By Langley Perry
Contributing Writer

Due to dropping tuition payments and unbridled growth in affected departments, the Institute recently revised its role in the Academic Common Market.

The program, operated by the Southern Regional Educational

Board (SREB) allows students in southeastern states increased educational mobility with the option to attend out-of-state schools at the cost of in-state tuition, provided that the student's selected major is not offered at any schools in his or her home state.

Prior to spring 2003, four Institute undergraduate programs were

offered to out-of-state students at in-state costs: Nuclear and Radiological Engineering, Aerospace Engineering, Building Construction and Polymer and Fiber Engineering.

Recent adjustments to the Institute's participation in the ACM have caused both Aerospace Engi-

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SLIVER

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why would you kill yourself?

yay for sunshine!

I was at the Grass Party last week and it ROCKED! Thursday, 23:00, Atlantic Drive.

Georgia Tech might even have the biggest CoC in the world. GT already has a huge SAC.

Last week's Grass Party theme: "Let's just be friends"

Next week's Grass Party theme: TBA

Jenny R. is my favorite neighbor EVER!

Every day I'd like to wake up and die to myself.

Way to make an in-stater mad: Put something stupid in the sliver-do you mean one year's paycheck maybe? And who is paying for your education???? Obviously not you.

What's wrong with management majors? Someone has to tell the engineers what to do.

Lalalalalalalalalal!

Ladies, it may be getting cold out, but keep the fringe miniskirts the average athletic GPA is about 2 points higher than mine...

You bet your ass the King of no Pants is back webcam, swim trunks, blank cds, Calvin and Hobbes, Tornado Rex

I declare this the Sliver Box of Dave. Eat that, Jay!

Why does Matlab suck so much?

And why does every class I am taking use it?

The Innocent shall Suffer...BIG TIME

Smooth and mentholy

Prepare to be spanked with moon rocks

We're full of religion now Fry man

What do you get when you square the quad lazer? the quad glazer thats glacier man

right, I said glacier

Saiyaman got his bike stolen!!!

give him money now!!!

Will Thick Brows live through the surgery? Will Tsunade be a good hokage?

Will the filler episodes ever end?

Inuyasha, we hardly knew you, by the time you read this, he will have passed

Way to go Technique, NCAA violations trump the girl who died, way to go

Well I will be damned, sliver box online!

See page 14 for more Slivers!

Senate from page 1

the deadlines.”

Senate seats not filled through the traditional election may not remain cold for too long. “There is an option to appoint people...come next week...we can definitely look into finding people who have not run for some reason,” said Kasi David, graduate student body president.

Some senate positions, however, are expected to be hotly contested. “The [seats] that go quickly are Public Policy, because they are people interested in government,” David said. Conversely, among the engineering graduate students that comprised 61 percent of the graduate student body in Fall 2004, Electrical and Computer Engineering holds the largest number of contested seats.

“I would say that the engineering majors are not contested, and a few of the small science and non-science majors are generally the ones that are not contested,” Norville said.

Voter turnout differs among graduate schools. “Those schools that may have one or two seats, where it is really important, they will have a lot of voter turnout...because those candidates get out and get people to vote for them,” David said.

However, voter participation in some races may be irrelevant. “In the other schools where you might have four or five running for 10 seats, [the candidates] can vote for themselves and win,” David said.

While some senators may win office through their own personal vote, Norville said that “the senators that do win will see the numbers of people that voted for them.... Just

by voting, it lets the candidate that wins know there are people that are expecting them to do their job.” Graduate students that do not win in contested elections have the option of expressing interest in member-at-large seats. “We have at-large seats...so if someone doesn’t win, and there are at-large seats available, the president has the discretion to appoint someone who wasn’t able to win a seat,” David said.

Overall, the procedures and response to this year’s election are characterized as similar to those of previous years. According to Norville, “I would say that procedures are the standard ones that have been used in the past...We are trying to look very closely at the enrollment figures that they are accurate, that they are appropriate figures to be using for apportionment of the

seats.... That is the only thing I am taking a closer look at.”

The undergraduates elect both their legislative and executive members towards the end of the spring semester. Graduate students elect only their executive members at the same time as the undergraduates. However, Norville defended the timing of the graduate as necessary, saying “the reason for that is that remember that undergraduates are here for four years, and there are a lot of graduate programs where a graduate student would be here for just one year, but those students still have a right to be represented.”

“If we were to have those elections for spring, any eligible students coming back in the fall would be ineligible...so those students wouldn’t have a chance to vote or run for office,” he said.

While incoming senators begin their duties after the inauguration of incoming UHR members last spring, David is confident that the new senators will be integrated into student government.

“We begin our new year with an orientation in the beginning...held before their first senate meeting,” David said. “It is this time that we try to go over all the procedures, the rules regulations with them,” he added.

David shared his own experiences as a senator prior to his election as graduate student body president. “I think that the best part of the senator is that you are representing the true interest as your constituents,” he said. “I tried as much as possible to put myself in the shoes of my fellow MSE grad students and try to make the decisions they would make.”

Cancer from page 1

a sign of the growing strength of biology at Georgia Tech and the emphasis on cancer research.”

OCI’s relocation to Tech will likewise provide expansion opportunities for the Institute. Specifically, the new lab is advantageous for expansion in the Institute’s department of biology. The department will hire over 20 new researchers as full-time employees. Most of these new researchers will perform studies in the OCI lab.

Formed in 1999, the OCI is an Atlanta-based non-profit organization dedicated to researching ovarian cancer preventive techniques.

The institute receives much of its funding “by and large from grateful patients and individuals,” said Morgan. Local foundations like the Georgia Cancer Coalition and the Georgia Research Alliance also contribute funding to the OCI. In addition to medical research, the institute also offers educational programs for women, civic groups and individuals working in the medical profession.

Morgan emphasized the im-

portance of such education among all people. “Every woman needs to know and every man that cares about a woman needs to know that a pap smear does not tell you about ovarian cancer,” she said.

Morgan also said, “While ovarian cancer is more prevalent in women over 50, it can strike a 20-year-old or a 16-year-old just as easily as it can strike a 60-year-old. Dr. Benenigno has seen ovarian cancer in 20-year olds.” She said ovarian cancer awareness is a “particular issue for lesbians because they don’t need birth control and are therefore less likely to go to a gynecologist.”

OCI implements wide-ranging goals in its medical research. OCI’s lab at Tech will serve as a home base for a range of interdisciplinary studies of the disease. Numerous fields will be incorporated, including genetics, molecular biology, medicine, statistics, food and nutrition, bio-and medical chemistry, computer science, mathematics, and veterinary medicine. Experts in these fields come from a diverse range of Georgia institutions of higher education.

A major research approach to developing diagnostic antibodies involves studying the gene expression of ovarian cancerous tumors. Researchers at OCI use technology that allows the rapid study of the expression of over 30,000 genes. Diagnostic tests developed from such methods tend to prove relatively inexpensive and widely available.

Another research approach involves taking serum of women with ovarian cancer and isolating proteins from these samples. The researchers then study these proteins using mass spectrometry and electrophoresis techniques.

Other research areas include locating the molecular factors that can result in resistance to chemotherapy and the physical composition of tumors in early stages.

No test can currently detect ovarian cancer in its early stages. Each year, over 27,000 women are diagnosed with ovarian cancer. Only about one-third of women survive more than five years after diagnosis. If detected early, however, the survival rate climbs to nearly 85 percent.

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neering and Building Construction to be dropped from in-state tuition status.

This change, according to Deborah Smith, director of undergraduate admission, was primarily made due to increasing numbers of out-of-state students coming to Tech using in-state tuition.

The elimination of the Aerospace Engineering program can also be explained by the growth the program experienced due to interested out-of-state students.

Although the changes were made in the spring of 2003, incoming students in the fall of 2003 were still permitted to enter into the program, causing the new policies to actually become effective as of spring semester 2004.

Smith said, “We allowed new students in the fall of 2003 into the program to be fair, since some may have decided to attend based on financial reasons.”

As the overloading of the Aerospace Engineering program suggests, eliminating it and Building

Construction altered the amount of participation in the Academic Common Market.

The number of students enrolled under the Academic Common Market this fall semester totals 166, compared to 178 students in the fall of 2003.

Additionally, the number of freshmen entering Tech under the ACM waiver totals 31 students this semester, a noticeable decrease from the total of 53 students in the fall of 2003.

Alissa Nicole Feucht is a second-year Aerospace Engineering major from Greenwood, S.C., whose Academic Common Market status will not be affected by the changes.

Since she has been able to attend Tech paying only in-state tuition, she is disappointed in the change in policy for both schools.

“I think that because Georgia Tech is dropping the Academic Common Market for both [Aerospace Engineering] and [Building Construction], it is going to discourage many people from majoring in these areas,” Feucht said.

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Budget cuts may result in future enrollment caps at Tech

Tuition

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Those payments would then have counted towards the 2006 fiscal year, and the cost of those paychecks would consequently have been included in next year's budget, as well.

According to Meredith's report to the Board of Regents last Wednesday, the University System is among the hardest hit amongst all Georgia agencies by this recall because of its people-intensive nature. Bearing 38 percent of the nearly \$180 million in cuts, the University System now faces a budget deficit of \$68 million.

With roughly 66 percent of its budget going towards funding personnel costs, Tech will face a deficit of about \$7.3 million in this year's budget.

Bad timing, bad planning

The recall came at an inopportune time for Tech and other Georgia institutions. An increased student population had already started its school year and all employee contracts had already been signed.

The increased enrollment this year already had Tech stretching its funds, since the budget recommendation sent out last year did not account for this year's unexpected increase.

"[By increasing enrollment] We're creating a problem, but it's a good problem," Institute President Wayne Clough said.

Not only is enrollment up, but retention is up too, with the retention

rate last year at a record-setting 92 percent. This, however, means more students that must be covered by school funding.

"We believed a few months ago that we knew exactly where we stood in our budget," Clough said in an address to the Faculty Senate this Tuesday. "Coming at the time that [the recall] is coming...we are left, basically, with a situation."

Initial concerns about the payroll shift came out of the Governor's office late this summer. According to Clough, Gov. Perdue had good reasons to be concerned about the dubious accounting method.

"They did something we might call Enron accounting," Clough said. By moving back the pay date from June to July, "it just made it a problem for the next year."

According to Meredith, two of the choices open to the Board in order to balance the budget are to make reductions in personnel and to increase tuition.

"We can take the entire...cut through personnel reductions," Meredith said, describing an extreme hypothetical situation, "but that would lead to an elimination of more than 1,700 positions" across the University System.

At the other end of the spectrum, an increase in tuition of 27 percent would be required to cover the budget gap.

According to Vice President of Student Affairs William Schafer, even if a 10 percent midyear tuition increase is approved by the Board of Regents, "we are still a little less than halfway to meeting the deficit for this fiscal year."

Meredith announced that, at the October meeting, he would

recommend some combination of personnel reductions and a midyear tuition increase.

To cap, or not to cap?

Tech and the Georgia University System are working hard to maintain the quality of education despite the budget cuts.

"We're going to try to maintain quality at all costs," Clough said.

In his report to the Board, Meredith also stressed the need to maintain standards.

"Our current challenge," Meredith said in his remarks to the Board, "is to protect the system's legacy of academic excellence for the next generation."

To meet that challenge, said Meredith, required focus and the making of some difficult decisions.

According to Clough's presentation Tuesday, layoffs are expected for Tech, as are possible caps on Institute enrollment.

"Taking the step of layoffs right now is a difficult thing," Clough said.

Layoffs now also would not save the Institute as much money as other options since the fiscal year is already in full swing.

As for enrollments caps, Clough said, "We don't want to do that."

But the possibility is very real, especially if Tech cannot adequately maintain elements such as class size and the number of classes offered.

According to Schafer, the possible enrollment caps might extend not only into this spring, but to next fall, as well.

"All those qualified new freshmen will want to come here, and transfer

students will want to come here," Schafer said. "At some point you are going to decide for how many you can actually provide that quality of education."

Clough said at Tuesday's presentation that he was "not going to dwell" on the subject of mid-term tuition increases, and that "the dialogue so far has not been very well informed."

He added, however, "If I were a betting person I would probably say there will be [a midyear tuition increase]."

Schafer said he hopes that students will be understanding about the increases, once they know the reasoning behind them.

"[If] we want to keep Georgia Tech as a top 10 public university, and provide the quality of education that we want and you deserve," Schafer said, "then something's got to give."

Undergraduate Student Body President Amy Phuong is also working on raising student awareness on campus about the reasons behind the tuition increases.

"The misconception is that somebody's to blame from our school," Phuong said.

"Our Institute has done a lot to prevent a midyear tuition increase," she added.

Phuong is currently working with UGA's SGA president to plan an event to help spread "awareness on both sides" of the law-making body. A petition drive or rally might be in the works.

Reduced state funding

Historically, Georgia has always maintained low tuition in its state schools. When compared to 14 peer

institutions, Tech was ranked 12th for in-state tuition and had below-average out-of-state tuition as well for both undergrad and graduate schools.

According to Meredith, tuition has been kept low so that more Georgians can get a college degree.

This may soon not be the case, however. Meredith wants to work on a plan to "raise tuition to the median," among

our peer institutions, "over a specific timetable."

"We're still a real good bargain, believe me," Clough said in his address to the faculty. "We'd like to be able to say to parents, 'we're going to increase tuition, but your children's class sizes will be smaller...they're going to get a better education.'"

Even if Tech raises tuition, said Clough, "we would still have lower rates than lots of other [peer] schools."

The plans to raise tuition are being made in response to a perceived shift in state policy. Less and less of Tech's funding actually comes from the state. Budget expenditure rates increase faster than state funding. Currently, only 25 percent of Tech's total funding comes from the state, compared to 34 percent 10 years ago.

Due to recent changes in the economy, Meredith said, "the state is clearly shifting a greater share of the cost for providing higher education to its students."

Fiscal year '06 marks the first time that the Board has not been allowed to ask for full formula funding, since formula funding was introduced in the 1980s.

Tech alone has seen \$45 million in budget cuts to date.

"If I were a betting person, I would probably say there will be [a midyear tuition increase]."

Wayne Clough
Institute president

"Our current challenge is to protect the system's legacy of academic excellence for the next generation."

Thomas Meredith
Regents' chancellor

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Quote of the week:
"The cost of living is going up and the chance of living is going down."
 —Flip Wilson

OUR VIEWS CONSENSUS OPINION

Cents-less

After weeks of speculation, Governor Sonny Perdue has announced that the University System of Georgia will face a \$68 million budget cut in the upcoming year. The budget cut represents 38 percent of the total cut of \$179 million overall, despite the fact that the University System only receives 10.9 percent of the state's annual budget. As a direct result, Tech will lose \$7.3 million in state funding, in addition to the \$45 million it had already lost in recent years.

Unfortunately, the Institute will almost certainly have to handle the budget crunch by increasing tuition next semester by as much as 10 percent. While we understand that increasing revenue is the only way to maintain the quality of our education, it is unfair to expect students to pay 10 percent more than anticipated with only a few months notice. Most students plan their budgets for the entire academic year. This increase will leave many students cash-strapped because federal financial aid and most scholarships are doled out on a yearly basis without adjustments for unexpected midyear increases.

The tired, old arguments that Tech's tuition level is a bargain and much lower than our peer institutions are losing their credibility with each additional increase. The higher tuition rates climb, the more difficult it will be to attract top students.

Students should take an active interest in state politics. If we do not make our voices heard, the state legislature will continue to shift more and more of the burden of higher education costs to students and parents. Write letters to the *Technique* and the *Atlanta-Journal Constitution*. We urge student leaders to organize a campus-wide petition stating the adverse effects that a midyear increase would have. The petition should be submitted to the Board of Regents before their Oct. 12 meeting.

There is a way out

If you or anyone you know ever have suicidal thoughts, we urge you to seek help at the Counseling Center or the Dean of Students Office. Both are located on the second floor of the Student Services Building. The center has walk-in hours at 8 a.m. and 12 p.m., during which students can be seen for free without waiting for an appointment. The 24-hour hotline number for the center is (404)894-2575.

Don't be afraid or embarrassed to talk about the issues surrounding suicide. The social taboo associated with this tragic reality only serves to prevent those in need from seeking help. Keep your eyes and ears open—you never know when someone may need you the most.

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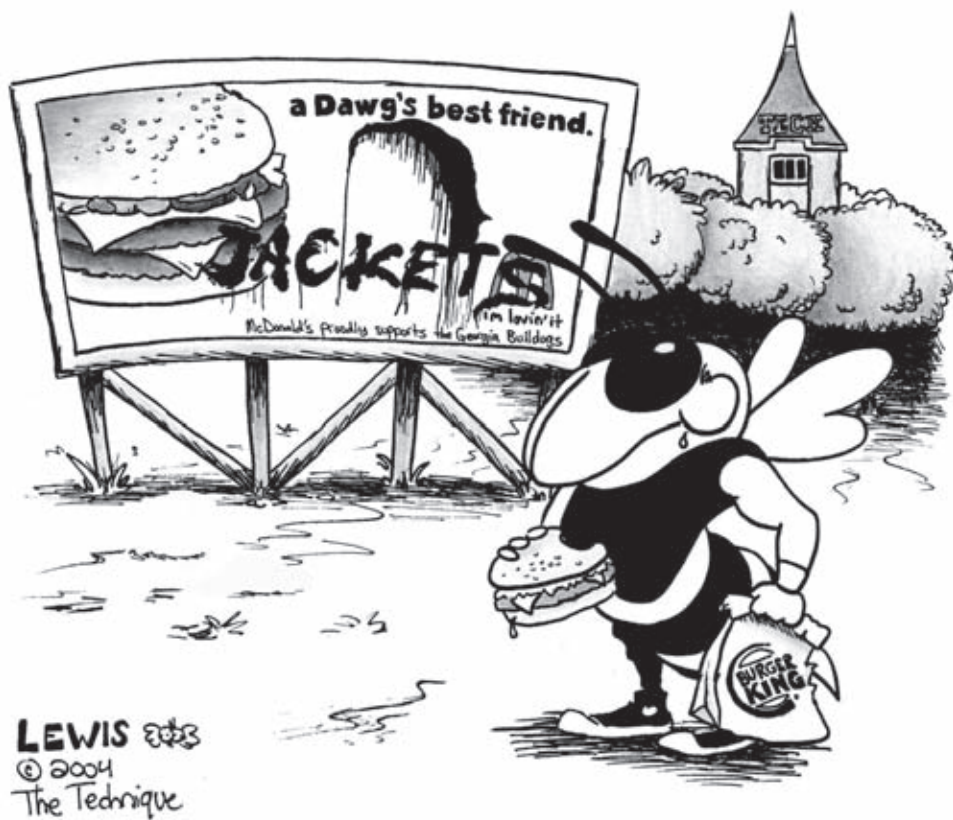
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By Brian Lewis / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Budget cuts leave students scrambling

Tuition's going up. Again. With a 32.9 percent in-state rise in tuition over the last five years (not to mention the whopping 56.7 percent rise in out-of-state tuition in the same time period), this probably comes as no surprise to anyone by now.

What is surprising, however, is that this hike will likely hit us in the middle of the year. As such, students who have carefully budgeted for the school year, based on current tuition levels, may find themselves in a bit of a bind.

While it is tempting to pass this off as the typical shaft, throwing blame at the feet of the Tech administration is, in this case, unfair.

The tuition increase, as well as its amount, will be determined by the Board of Regents when it meets in October; the increase will be effective statewide.

I should note here that no tuition increase is finalized until the Board actually makes the decision. However, the majority of official opinion seems to indicate this as the most likely course of action.

This does not change the fact that the state's schools are yet again thrown into budget trouble despite the improving economy. To make matters worse, the problems come after Tech has signed contracts and finalized the fiscal year's expenditures.

In short, cutting jobs is not only an unattractive option due to implications on the quality of education at Tech, it also won't save enough money at this point. If cutting costs is not considered a viable alternative, Tech must turn to raising revenue to offset the \$7.3 million hole left in its budget.

Does this mean students should accept another tuition hike? Especially the *first ever* midyear tuition increase in the state of Georgia?

I think not. What we should do



"Why is it, then, that there are no qualms about throwing more financial burdens onto college students..?"

Stephen Baehl
 News Editor

instead is turn to the source of the matter. What tore this gaping hole in the budget in the middle of the year?

The problem goes beyond Tech, beyond the University System...and right to the state capital.

Statewide budgeting policy and the scrambling done to balance the budget have left Tech and other schools in the University System of Georgia taking a \$68 million share of a \$179 million hole in the state budget.

While I am not debating the change in budget policy (which amounted to a recall of the "payroll shift"—basically shifting some of this year's costs to next year), the timing of this change could not have come at a worse time.

Tech has already endured \$45 million in cuts in recent years due to state budget problems. The fat has been trimmed out, and problems have still arisen lately due to skimpier and skimpier budgets. We are now in the midst of a school year as well.

Changing this policy now seems like altering the rules mid-game, and it leaves Tech and other schools little option but to scramble for ways to compensate for even further cuts.

Students, however, end up being the real losers here. Either tuition shoots up more, quality of education decreases or (most likely) both.

Students need to realize, then, how the political process has affected them in this case. Upon realizing this, they should consider trying to

make a difference.

Politicians always seem loathe to openly reduce any number of huge entitlement expenditures. I don't see Social Security taking any cuts from the federal level of government.

Virtually unanimous political support of recent policies like the prescription drug plan further shows the directives politicians take to heart.

Why is it, then, that there are no qualms about throwing more financial burdens onto college students, one of the poorest demographics out there?

Perhaps the answer becomes clearer when one considers who votes. Voter turnout in the 65+ age bracket rose from roughly 63.5 percent in 1972 to 67 percent in 1996; during the same time period, the 18-24 age group fell from a once-decent 49.6 percent to a dismal 32.4 percent.

If you were a politician aiming for votes, which group would you care about more?

If students take lessons like this to heart and show they actually care, perhaps we won't have high costs heaped on us again and again. Maybe, just maybe, voting and even expressing one's feelings to his or her representative in the state legislature will prove that student welfare should also be considered when it comes time to cut the budget.

With its current apathy, however, the typical college student may soon pay the price of indifference, and we will see just how high that price is.

Creative policies needed to curb alcohol abuse

Recently a sophomore from Colorado State University was found in a Sigma Pi frat house after dying from alcohol poisoning.

Samantha Spady, 19, had a blood alcohol level of .43 percent when she died. This is over five times the legal limit for driving in the state of Colorado and is the equivalent of a 120lb person having 13-15 drinks in one hour.

As a result of this tragedy, the CSU chapter of Sigma Pi has been suspended and Colorado State is considering a bill that would ban alcohol in all of its Greek houses on campus.

This raises a few questions. Would banning alcohol on campus really fix the problem of alcohol abuse among college students?

How much should colleges be doing to protect grown adults from their own self-destructive behavior? Are there better alternatives?

Let me first say that I think that a 19-year-old dying with a blood alcohol level of .43 in a fraternity on a college campus is extremely irresponsible—both on the part of the young lady and on the part of the fraternity brothers at the house who should have known when to say “enough is enough.”

For that, I believe the suspension of that chapter of Sigma Pi



“Would banning alcohol on campus really fix the problem of alcohol abuse among college students?”

Jamie Howell
Photography Editor

was justified.

That said, I believe that the proposal to ban alcohol in all on-campus Greek houses is just an oversimplified, knee-jerk reaction to a more complicated problem.

The real problem here is some college students’ irresponsible social drinking habits.

A couple of factors could possibly contribute to this. Two of the most significant that come to mind are the newfound freedom that comes with college life and the ability to legally attain alcohol for the first time.

Combine these factors with the reckless social atmosphere of a lot of typical (read: unsupervised) college gatherings and you have alcohol abuse waiting to happen.

On the surface, this proposal by CSU seems like a logical step in fixing the problem with alcohol abuse on campus. It will surely win Colorado State points with

its critics and alcohol abuse organizations, but will it actually help? Such a ban is never going to stop anyone who is determined to drink. Most students who want alcohol will find a way to get it, legally or illegally. This was true in high school and it is even more true in college.

If students who want to drink cannot drink on campus, they will go off campus to drink.

The problem is not being fixed; it is only being displaced to another location. Anyone who thinks this is going to stop alcohol abuse is just being naïve.

Additionally, there is only so much that should be done to grown adults who have the legal right to drink.

Citizens 21 years and older have the legal right to consume alcohol whether they are a student or not.

Controlling the legal habits of adults in their own living space (on-campus or off) is a step that

should be taken with extreme caution.

In the case of banning alcohol in Greek houses, I believe it is a step in the wrong direction. It would be much better for the administrators to enact policies that promote responsible drinking than to take away the option entirely.

The University of Maryland (www.studentorg.umd.edu/pha/social_event_monitoring.htm) already does something like this. They have what they call “Social Event Monitoring” and it includes the following at all social events where alcohol is present: two sober officers per chapter; hands of legal drinkers and counting for maximum capacity; one bartender per host chapter at each serving area; no glass containers; food and non-alcoholic beverages located at each bar.

Such monitoring would still allow students to drink and have fun, while keeping a much closer eye on any abuses that might take place at these events.

While I’m sure such a program would be met with a bit of tepidity at first, I believe that it would work well for any organization that had an honest desire to protect its members and visitors. That is ultimately more important and more effective than banning alcohol all together.

BUZZ Around the Campus What’s one thing that could improve Tech?



Ernest Yaeng
EE Second-year

“Improve the pick up times for the bus system.”



Chris Jacobs
ME Freshman

“Have the stinger and trolley run on weekends.”



Jessica Catlo
ME Fourth-year

“More interaction between professors and students in engineering schools.”



Danelle Jones
EE Fourth-year

“Improve the bus service to include a route for the GLC.”

Photos by Shelley Robinson

OUR VIEWS HOT OR NOT

HOT- or -NOT



FANTAS-TECH!

Just when we were about to call it a night, the football team thrilled us with an “un-bee-liev-able” win against Clemson. The Jackets’ rally past the Tigers, punctuated by two touchdowns in the final 90 seconds, gave us reason to look forward to the upcoming Miami game. Now if only Buzz were able to give the Clemson Tiger the stinging he deserved, it would have been a perfect night.



We’re not lovin’ it

Only a stone’s throw away from campus, McDonald’s has chosen to throw its support to our rival, the Bulldogs, with huge billboards around town proclaiming the fast-food chain is “A Dawg’s best friend.” What gives, Ronald McDonald? You come into our backyard and mark your territory? Keep in mind, Buzz can kick UGA VI’s super-sized butt any day of the week.



Sound of the Shaft

Inexplicably, the Campanile has suddenly begun chiming and playing music again. We missed its enchanting harmonies and soft melodies. A little chiming goes a long way to brightening up students’ days. Plus, students now have a better way to time their 15-minute naps between classes.



Hit-and-misses

Along the entrance to West Campus, near Sixth Street apartments, pedestrians and bicyclers have run amuck, nearly getting run over by oncoming cars. While the problem is nothing new, we could really use bike and pedestrian paths on both sides of the street. Remember Master Planners: safety first.

Congress should face NCAA

By Jake Moore
Daily News (Ball State U.)

(U-WIRE) MUNCIE, Ind.—It’s truly a shame that a senior citizen wanting to sit with their congressman and discuss prescription drug costs will have to make countless phone calls and endure a seemingly endless wait to get an appointment, while that same representative hobnobs with wealthy donors on an almost daily basis.

In politics, money equals access, and access (along with more money) leads to influence on politicians. Every day, lobbyists exploit this to further their causes.

Lobbying isn’t inherently bad, but the problem arises when lobbyists curry favor with politicians through gifts and campaign donations. For example, a Republican who’d like to see tighter gun control laws may well vote against any such legislation fearing a “Yea” would

cost him support and donations from the NRA.

But I have an idea I think could seriously dent this problem. Let’s rein in one bureaucracy with another: The NCAA. The governing body of college sports is known for its strict enforcement of rules regarding recruiting and the amateur status of athletes. I think politicians could use a bit of the same medicine.

Under NCAA rules, schools can’t entice recruits with money or any other sort of gift. If a player accepts so much as a free jacket from a school, the NCAA swiftly issues sanctions.

In fact, sometimes they go overboard. While coaching at Utah, former Ball State basketball coach Rick Majerus was once reprimanded for buying and sharing a meal with a player who’d called him grieving over the death of a family member.

But while the NCAA may sometimes be inflexible, I think

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Leave cell phones at home

By Dallas Hammer
Daily O'Collegian (Oklahoma State U.)

(U-WIRE) STILLWATER, Okla. —It never fails. Not once have I been surprised this semester. I will be sitting in class listening intently to an instructor's lecture. Suddenly loud, cheerful chirps erupt in a cacophony that only vaguely resembles anything fit to be called noise.

Still, the consistency of the experience has yet to curb how irritating a cell phone ringing in class is. Those little electronic crooners have quite a repertoire too.

My personal favorite is the "silent" vibrating ring that sounds as though students have concealed hives of killer bees trying to escape from their backpack prisons.

I own a cell phone myself. Who doesn't have one these days? They are handy devices, and in this age of instant communication I can see how it is vitally important to find out what Bobby and Jane are doing tonight as soon as humanly possible.

On a more serious note, I realize cell phones are useful tools that aid us in our daily lives in myriad capacities.

I don't understand, however, why it is so difficult to make sure

that the little gizmos are turned off during class or other times when hearing Linkin Park's new song in electronic format might be deemed inappropriate.

I am hard pressed to believe that the vast majority of these calls are so dire in consequence that they cannot wait an hour to be checked.

I am sure that these are just honest mistakes by people forgetting to turn the phones off, but disregard is what it communicates. All I am saying is if remembering to turn the cell phones off before class is that difficult simply leave them at home.

I have yet to see a professor stop class to admonish those offenders. That is as it should be. Such graciousness from superiors, however, is not a luxury that we will enjoy for long.

Imagine yourself in the professional world in which we are going to enter. We are not children, and we should be treated accordingly.

Leaving a phone on in any audible form is simply rude and a sign of immaturity. So let us please take it upon ourselves to make sure our cell phones are silent during classes, and keep those oh-so-intriguing conversations, and the endearing rings that announce them, where they belong.

campaign donations so long as an audit could account for every penny donated.

Some may argue that congressmen should be allowed the perks of lobbying since most could be making more money in private life. My answer to that is that while a Senate salary may be trivial to John Kerry or George W. Bush, there are firemen and nurses all over the country who would jump at that money.

Is there a chance any of it will happen? Of course not. The only ones who would benefit are the American people, and sadly, even in an election year, that alone just isn't enough.

THROUGH THE LOOKING GLASS

Weigh your work-life balance wisely



"A fellow 11th-year suggests there is a certain amount of pain and suffering in the studying process."

Karen Feigh
Columnist

I'm serious about this.

A fellow eleventh year suggests there is a certain amount of pain and suffering in the studying process. Only when you've studied the material long enough to understand what you don't get, will seeking help actually improve your understanding.

But once you are at this point, continuing to stare at equations or to re-read math books is not necessarily the best way to spend your time.

I remember winter quarter my freshman year (yes we were still on quarters then). After midterms I had a B, C, and two Ds. I panicked.

I can remember blubbering on the phone to my parents about how I didn't know what was wrong.

I didn't know if I could make it. I remember the rather uncaring way that my father told me to get my act together and stop feeling sorry for myself (okay so his words were tinged with a good helping of tough love).

And so I sought help. I found the physics tutoring sessions and went every week. I went to my profs' office hours and asked them questions. I shadowed my TAs, peppering them

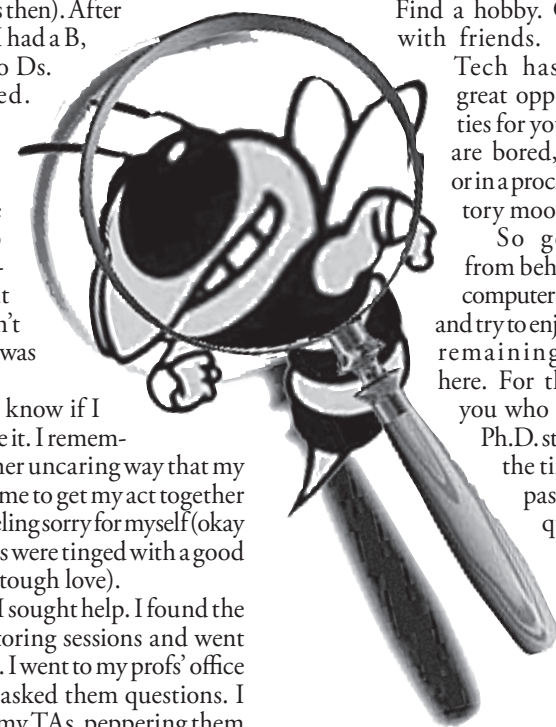
with questions.

Yes, I do believe that I was not the most popular student with either my professors or TAs and am not doubtful that many an alcoholic drinking session was caused by me. But I actually learned the material and made it through with the grades I wanted.

And one last thing: work-life balance. Roughly translated this means that for your own health and well being, you need to have a life outside of studying and homework.

Find a hobby. Go out with friends. Sleep. Tech has some great opportunities for you if you are bored, lonely or in a procrastinatory mood.

So get out from behind the computer or book and try to enjoy your remaining time here. For those of you who are not Ph.D. students, the time will pass all too quickly.



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this is the exact sort of philosophy and scrutiny that Congress could use.

If it were discovered a Congressman accepted a gift from a lobby, then he or she would be tried and, if convicted, impeached. The lobbyists in question could then be charged with bribery, much like schools are accused of trying to "buy" recruits.

Now some of you may be saying, "Yeah, but you can't forbid someone to donate money to a candidate, that's unconstitutional!"

Indeed, but the law could allow

RE: [NO SUBJECT]

Though email is often viewed as a quick and easy way to communicate, it, like any other medium, can be misused. **Page 14**

A MAKEOVER STORY

A *Nique* writer had an afternoon of style and pampering, courtesy of a local spa and salon. See how her “makeover” turned out. **Page 23**



WHEN THERE'S NO WAY OUT

By Joshua Cuneo

KNOW THE WARNING SIGNS

A suicidal person may:

- Talk about suicide, death, and/or no reason to live.
- Be preoccupied with death and dying.
- Withdraw from friends and/or social activities.
- Have a recent severe loss (especially relationship) or threat of a significant loss.
- Experience drastic changes in behavior.
- Lose interest in hobbies, work, school, etc.
- Prepare for death by making out a will (unexpectedly) and final arrangements.
- Give away prized possessions.
- Have attempted suicide before.
- Take unnecessary risks; be reckless, and/or impulsive.
- Lose interest in their personal appearance.
- Increase their use of alcohol or drugs.
- Express a sense of hopelessness.
- Be faced with a situation of humiliation or failure.
- Have a history of violence or hostility.
- Have been unwilling to “connect” with potential helpers.

—from the American Association of Suicidology

Suicide is the third leading cause of death among college-age people, but help is available to those who need it

Rome Lester, Marriage and Family Therapist at the Counseling Center, readily admits to something that every Tech student already knows.

“Georgia Tech is a very, very stressful environment,” she said. But she then added, “And sometimes, I guess, the stress can be so severe that someone might choose to think that their only way out is to contemplate suicide.”

Stress is not the only cause of suicide on campus, but it does contribute. Ten to 24 suicides are attempted every year at Tech, with two or fewer successes per year on average, depending on the source of the statistics.

While more women than men attempt suicide, more men usually succeed because they use more violent means. Tech is predominantly male.

“We’ve had...straight-A students who have chosen to take their lives,” Lester said. “It’s an interesting phenomenon that somebody who has their whole life

in front of them would choose to take [it].”

The issue is not limited to the student body. Tech has also lost faculty and staff members to suicide.

Suicides have grown into a national concern over the past few decades. Over 30,000 people commit suicide each year, with an average of one attempt every 45 seconds and one success per 10 attempts.

This concern has extended to college campuses, for while the groups most susceptible to suicide are still divorced, unemployed, middle-aged, white men and the elderly, rates of student suicides have been rising. Students with suicidal desires use guns, alcohol, drugs, jumping from heights, asphyxiation and a variety of

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By Jamie Howell / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Student band members balance music, school



By Michael Kraus / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

James Ho and his bandmate play an acoustic set at Open Mic Night at Under the Couch. Though Musician's Network is an umbrella for many student bands, others perform and practice on their own time.

By Katherine Colmer
Contributing Writer

Being in a rock band means something different at Tech. At a decidedly non-artsy school, a band can provide what is hard to find at Tech. These student musicians do something special together, including writing and playing music, sleeping, eating and driving cross-country together.

Being in a band is an important decision, for it takes up much time in an already hectic schedule that most college students have.

“We practice three days a week as a band, and individually I try to practice more,” said Cal Wooten, the bassist in his band and a junior double-majoring in Nuclear Engineering and Computer Science.

“Why do I do it? Because I feel like my comrades and I can change the music industry. Because music

is my passion. Because it's the only thing I connect with on all levels,” Wooten said.

Wooten's band—whose name is currently pending—has two members from Tech, one from Kennesaw State University and one from Georgia State University. The four band members, who are friends as well as musicians, meet up to practice, “jam,” and hang out in the basement of Wooten's house.

All members agreed that being in the band was worth their time, even though it can sometimes add more work to their daily schedule. “We make time [to practice]. We love doing it. It relieves stress,” they said. However, they also acknowledged that grades were still a priority.

Paul Hobson, a Civil Engineering senior, is the general manager of Under the Couch. A drummer, Hobson has been a part of numerous bands.

“I got a job when I was 15, bought my drum set when I was 16, and then I just kind of played by myself till I was 18,” Hobson explained. “Then the band [my best friend was in] was having lots of drama and lineup changes, so he begged me to help him out until school started...and now it's three and a half years later.”

Hobson works on many projects, including the bands I Would Set Myself on Fire for You and The Lasch, both of which play at UTC. “I love [playing the drums]. It's ridiculously fun,” Hobson said.

Hobson's main band, I Would Set Myself on Fire for You, has toured three times and has a CD out with Stickfigure Records. Last spring break, the four-member band toured the East Coast in their van, playing nine shows in nine days.

“[My parents] think I'm crazy,

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In digital age, email etiquette often overlooked

Joshua Cuneo
Senior Staff Writer

How many times have you accidentally deleted an email from a friend, thinking it was spam, because it didn't have a subject line? How many times have you had to wade through an email full of forwarded text before getting to the real message?

Everything has rules—and that goes for email, too. There's a whole list of guidelines out there that users of email are expected to follow, especially in the professional community, to avoid confusion, irritation or text that looks downright ugly.

As email has grown into a widespread method of communication, teaching proper etiquette in writing and sending emails has become a standard part of Tech's Technical Communications courses. It is also the subject of research by Lisa

McNair, Coordinator of the Technical Communications program in the School of Literature, Communication and Culture. McNair partnered with Judith Norback, Director of Workplace and Academic Communication in the School of Industrial and Systems Engineering, in surveying the workforce to find some of the most common email vices.

"Email is one of those things that people assume they know how to do but that they don't always do right," McNair said. "It really aggravated [one senior executive] when someone was in an office down the corner or in a cubicle, and they'd send an email instead of popping their head in.

Email facilitates communication, but sometimes people tend to overuse it."

The lack of face-to-face communication can lead to other problems.

Sometimes, she said, it can be too casual. Many users often treat email as everyday conversation, so proper spelling and punctuation—the bane of some students' existence—can go right out the window, even in a professional context. It also means that users will try to duplicate facial expressions and tone of voice with emoticons, which doesn't present as clear a message as verbal communication.

"Everything that you're intending to come across is harder

to communicate because you don't have as many cues at your disposal," McNair said.

So why don't people just make more face-to-face contact, then? "It is so easy to zap out an email," McNair said. "It's just tempting while you're working to just have a thought, type it in, and send it off to somebody."

This can often result in stream-of-consciousness emails where the receiver isn't sure how to respond. For that reason, McNair encourages brevity and preciseness.

"That's not only considerate of your readers, but you're more likely to get your main point across if...the body of your email [fits into] a window that they can see," she said.

Students at Tech tend to be more technically aware and thus have a greater tendency to send properly formatted emails than many professionals. However, they are guilty of two infamous mistakes: failing to include an alias and using an unclear or nonexistent subject line.

At a school where students' GT numbers are virtually indistinguishable, and spam is common, an alias is especially important. According to McNair, this can decrease the chance of the receiver opening your email.

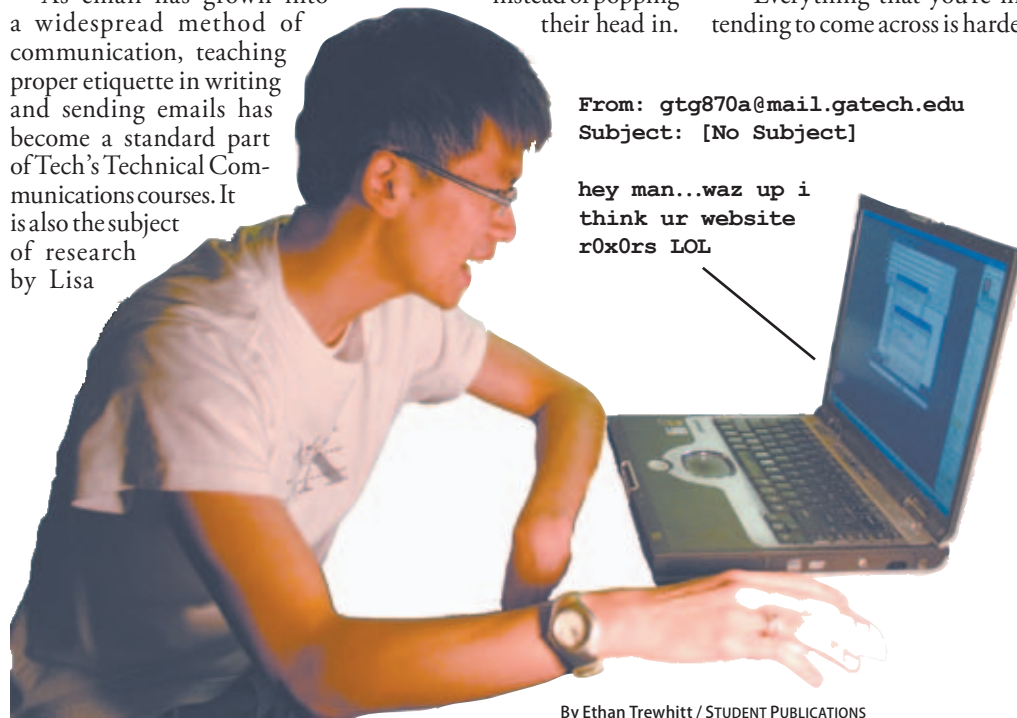
"The way to get your email opened is to have your name instead of your GT ID and a precise subject line," McNair said.

The Technique conducted an informal survey of one of LCC Professor Michael Laughter's Technical Communication courses. Students listed a number of common complaints about the emails they receive, including:

- No subject line, so the receiver does not know what the message is about
- No alias, so the receiver does not know who sent the email
- Misspelling the receiver's name
- Receiving a forwarded email that has been forwarded multiple times already, and has excess body text

Lisa McNair of the School of Literature, Communication and Culture listed the following as practical guidelines for sending clean, effective e-mails:

- Have a clear subject line with action items
- If sending a message to a group, put them in the blind copy box (Bcc) instead of the copy box (Cc)
- Avoid sending e-mails if the receiver is close by or verbal communication would be more effective
- Use proper grammar and punctuation, especially in professional correspondence
- Keep emails concise and to the point
- Create an alias, especially if your e-mail address is obscure
- Don't use HTML tags in the body text
- Be careful in your use of common online abbreviations (LOL, IMHO, etc.) and emoticons
- Use a signature—information at the bottom of the e-mail with the sender's personal information



By Ethan Trehwitt / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

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SLIVER

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Oh wow, look at this tiny box, I laugh at its tinyness.
 Hey look Academic Misconduct statistics...I'm a statistic!
 I bet Clemson kicks the mother loving piss out of Tech
 Oh My God that was Hilarious
 I have a friend who goes to Samford, ironically enough they had a
 easy to win game first too...
 "Collaboration needed to fight terror" Double Check with the
 professor, wouldnt want to get "Unauthorized collaboration" on
 your disciplinary record
 Whoever said that these polls are stupid needs a prize
 That prize should be to make better polls
 So who are you voting for in November? I am voting for not giving
 a shit because either will do a hack ass job
 Anne, you rock my world
 I rocked your world for 4 hours last night ;)
 Maybe with this integrated sliver thing, more slivers will be
 placed!
 I still like the old fashioned sliver box here
 King of no Pants, psychotic sliver rantings since 2001...dear god
 have I been here that long?
 Lazy days of summer studying thermodynamics and circuits and...
 hey wait a second!
 damn the waterslide for opening at 3!
 3 tests: life altering, 2 Homeworks: chilling, procrastinating all next
 week when I should be doing the earlier stuff? priceless
 do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do
 one day I am going to be the person who looks at all these slivers...
 mark my words...
 with an ORANGE highlighter!
 BAKA!!!
 no reason to pick up papers anymore!
 What to do when I become the sliver king...hmmm
 Full Metal Alchemist in October
 I get tired of reading FAB articles from last march when i poop
 I get tired of reading FAB articles from last Febuary when I poop.
 Caldwell>Folk
 The "Backward Sherman March" tropical depression made me
 sad.
 MY CAPSLOCK KEY ISNT WORKING TOO WELL
 The Sliver Box isn't even in the PDF version of the 'Nique! I want
 my digital Slivers, dangit!
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Email

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She advises using clear action items, points that the sender wishes to stress to indicate the email's relative importance. This is especially important if the receiver often has a crowded inbox, for in the interest of time, such users will often attend to the most urgent items and set aside the rest, leading to a delayed response time.

Students explore email etiquette in their Technical Communications courses, which makes extensive use of several forms of electronic communication. Among other things, students learn the value of proper email etiquette in group collaboration.

"When a lot of people are working together...you end up with a lot of email chains, where someone will start an email and maybe copy a few people, and then you start replying to all, and then at a certain point you might forward the whole thing to someone else," McNair said.

That can lead to political ramifications, especially if a user forwards the chain without realizing that confidential information is enclosed somewhere within the body text. This can be especially dangerous because emails are considered by law to be public documents and have been used as evidence in court.

Further guidelines can also be found on the web or in most modern technical communications textbooks. The key to adhering to these rules is practice, and McNair assures that following them can have a profound impact in the professional market.

"A lot of what we...say about email etiquette isn't something that a bunch of teachers just sat around and thought was a good thing to do," she said, "but is actual feedback from people in industry...Choose your mode of communication carefully."

Depression often, not always, major contributing factor of suicide

Suicide

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other means to end their lives.

"Sometimes one of the masked suicides, or I call 'autocides', is [the] one-person single car accident," Lester said. "People don't really know because it appears to be an accident, but sometimes it could actually be a suicide."

Suicide now ranks as the third leading cause of death for college students, behind car accidents and death by violent means (although it has dropped from second place in recent years). College students are more likely than their non-college peers to commit suicide.

Depression is the most common cause of suicide. Not every suicidal person is depressed, but most are, and this is a condition which may be exacerbated by Tech's stressful environment.

The depression itself may be rooted in that stress or may stem from personal trauma, such as the death of a family member, the end of an intimate relationship or a sexual assault or similar violation. A family history of suicide, mental or physical illness or drug or alcohol abuse are also linked to suicides.

"Sometimes the person confuses

'wanting to die' with wanting to get away from the awful pain from having lost a loved one," Lester said.

Determining why students choose suicide instead of finding some means of assistance is more challenging.

"That's the age-old question," said Karen Boyd, the Senior Associate Dean of Students for Student Life. "If you could answer that, we wouldn't have suicides."

"With suicide, there are always a whole lot more questions than answers," said Mack Bowers, director of the Counseling Center. "We could speculate about causes or reasons, but the fact, is we really don't know."

Students with suicidal tendencies may not realize that Tech has assistance in abundance.

The Counseling Center is the most popular option, with many professional counselors available throughout the day.

For those who cannot or do not wish to make an appointment, emergency walk-in hours are at 8 a.m. and noon every day.

After hours, students may call the Center's hotline (404-894-2204) to get in touch with the counselor on call that week. A psychiatrist who works in concert with the other counselors is also available

at the Health Center.

Students can also contact the Link Counseling Center, which helps people whose lives have been impacted by suicide. They offer individual or group counseling and a support group, Survivors of Suicide (S.O.S.), at Sandy Springs (404-256-9797) and Cobb County (770-541-1114). The Center can also be found

online at www.thelink.org.

In addition, depressed students can contact their mental health association, or even, if they are religious, their clergy.

Lester and Boyd also encourage student involvement and networking to recover from or fend off suicidal feelings. Institutions such as Tech's religious organizations or the Wellness Center can help students broaden their support network and seek comfort in others.

"A lot of people who come to college have a really difficult time separating from family, so they feel pretty lonely or depressed," Lester said. "So getting involved, I think, can really be helpful."

Furthermore, Boyd added, "If you have people at your back, [you] feel like a community...Take care of each other."

To that end, students should be aware of suicidal warning signs in their peers.

"Here are a few helpful hints: people who start giving away their things, people who have had great stress, and you've been worried about them...[people who are] suddenly finding great peace," Boyd said.

Students suffering from depression may also exhibit lifestyle changes. They may not eat, sleep, bathe or socialize.

"Are they going to class? Are they isolating themselves?" Lester said. "Don't be afraid to ask about suicide. Asking them will not cause them to decide to do it."

Lester emphasized the importance of listening with a sympathetic ear and acknowledging their feelings without analysis, argument

or reason.

Encourage them to get help, she said, which can prevent suicides in most cases, as suicide attempts are often an indication that the person is reaching out for help. Students who commit suicide are generally not in counseling.

But, Lester said, don't be sworn to confidentiality.

"If they tell you they plan to kill themselves, get help from the Dean's Office or a Housing official or somebody," she said. "If you try to handle that yourself, it's too big for you."

The Dean's Office in particular has the power to intervene on the student's behalf. While a counselor will not visit a suicidal student without the student's personal request, a dean has the power to perform a security check to see how the student is doing.

"I think that nothing is more painful than a student dying," Boyd said.

Students can learn to help themselves by leading a healthy lifestyle, which reduces the risk of depression and suicidal desires. A nutritious diet, exercise and adequate sleep are necessary for good mental health, as is maintaining a strong network of support.

Students should also avoid alcohol or drug abuse. According to Lester, nearly half of suicidal youths use alcohol or drugs shortly before their deaths. Even some people who normally avoid alcohol, she said, use it just prior to their attempts.

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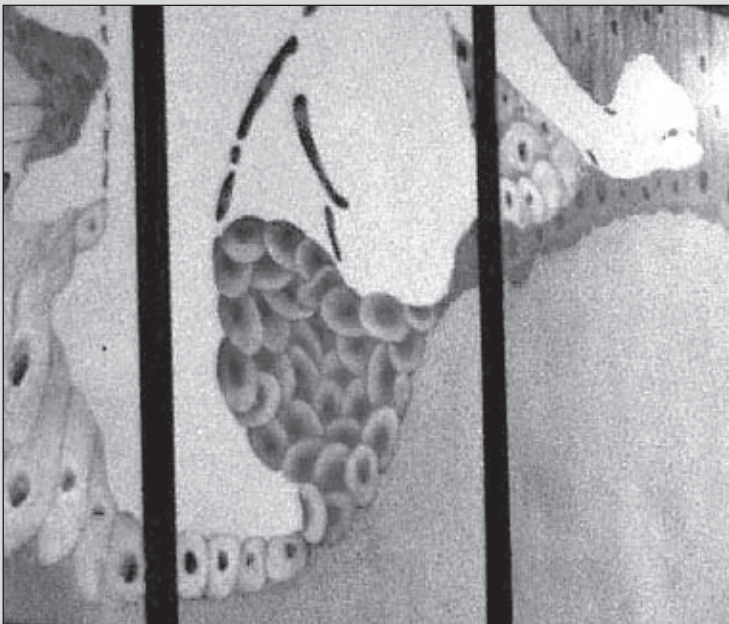
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Stadium

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Brian Nguyen

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Technique
Making Friday classes more interesting!

Research, teaching both factors in tenure process

By Amanda Dugan
Contributing Writer

Undecided Engineering major Zachary Schreer expressed an opinion that may sound familiar to many students. "Faculty seem a lot more concerned with research than teaching," Schreer said.

With Tech ranked fourth by the *Princeton Review* in "Professors Get Low Marks" and 10th in "Professors

Make Themselves Scarce," it seems as if Schreer is not alone.

"Anytime I go to a professor, they direct me somewhere else," said Biology major Amelia Randall. "Then I end up going in a circle, and nothing really happens."

Schreer added, "A lot of times you'll ask for help and they'll say go ask a TA, but...that doesn't help much anyway."

"I had problems with professors

last year in the Chemistry department when they focused a whole lot more on research than helping the students," said Chemistry major Anna Griffith. "They'd actually keep their door closed during office hours."

However, according to Robert McMath, Vice Provost for Undergraduate Studies and Academic Affairs, the stereotype of research-obsessed professors who only care about achieving tenure is flawed.

"There are three general categories used for evaluating tenure: teaching, research and service," McMath said.

"Both teaching and research are taken quite seriously" in the tenure process, McMath said. "If someone is a monstrous teacher, they are not going to get tenure."

Students may also be surprised to learn that course surveys and class observations factor into the decision to award a faculty member tenure.

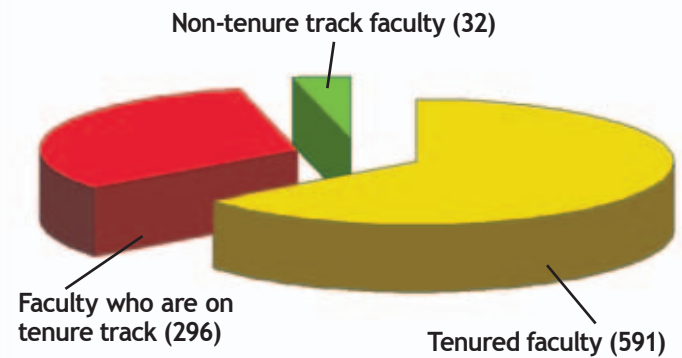
"Teaching is measured based on student evaluations and peer evaluations," said Patricia Sobecky, an associate professor in the School of Biology. "Senior faculty will sit in on lectures and evaluate the tenure-track faculty," McMath said.

McMath does not entirely dismiss students' perceptions, however. "I certainly can understand students who feel ignored, but those particular faculty are the exception, not the rule. Most of our folks care about both the students and the research," McMath said.

In addition, there is an important distinction between promotion and tenure. The promotion process goes from instructor, to assistant professor, to associate professor, then finally to professor.

However, a faculty member does not have to be a full professor to receive tenure—full-time assistant and associate professors are also eligible.

NUMBER OF TENURED FACULTY MEMBERS



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There are 919 total faculty members, a figure which includes administrators such as deans, associate deans and provosts. Non-tenure track faculty include lecturers, Britain fellows and the president.

According to the Tech's Faculty Handbook, promotion and tenure decisions are made separately. The decision is based on a variety of factors and guidelines, and though

higher level in the professional hierarchy."

A promotion is awarded based on an evaluation of the individual's scholarly activity including instruction, creativity and service.

Tenure, on the other hand, is concerned with the faculty member's value to the Institute. "In contrast to promotion which is based on an individual's merit, tenure represents the Institution's selection of a faculty for a long-term commitment," the Handbook reads.

"Individuals are selected whose performance is outstanding and whose capabilities and interests... most closely support the objectives of the Institute."

For example, the performance of a faculty member may justify promotion but not the awarding of tenure. Faculty may be awarded tenure without a promotion, though that is a less likely scenario.

The tenure process, however, does

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the criteria used as a basis for each decision are similar, the underlying philosophy differs.

According to the Handbook, "Promotion is based on the intrinsic merit of the individual's work. It recognizes the faculty member for meeting the criteria of the next



By Charles Frey / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Dr. Paul Steffes, an associate chair in the School of Electrical and Computer Engineering, works on a student-built satellite. Steffes has been a professor at Tech for 22 years, tenured for 15 of them.

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stolen: blue motorcycle
dump dump dump dump dio dio dio dio greer greer greer philipino
joe
I am Ripley, the Alien-Killer!!!
Huzzah! Power is back on in my apartment. I should have cleaned
out the fridge after day 3 of no power.
Now my fridge smells of ass and vag.
But not College of Computing. That would be wrong.
But all the food is out of the fridge. And my apartment is slowly
starting to smell OK again.
Maybe when I return from the cruise, all will smell OK.
But Dawn's making me buy a straw cowboy hat. Because Luke has
one.
But Dawn's frumping Luke and not me. So why should I wear a
Possibly hat on head would lead to frumpage with Dawn.
Or maybe Luke. Of course, there's reason to believe that Comer and
I were frumping. Since we were neighbors at Jax Beach and all.
Ahhh, Jax Beach. But now I'm in West Palm. And Comer's in
Gainesville. Gettiing his Abercrombie self on. But we're to go to
Vegas if Ivan hits. Hooray! Dead hookers in the trunk!
it doesn't make sense to have so many guys at our school with all of
single girls out there. don't try to figure out the logarithm to striking
up a conversation. just do it already. there are so many
is it really necessary to have Chaunte Howard's groin for everyone
to see?
what kind of newspaper is this?
sweet touchdown, talk about wow
same dren..... different planet.
My God, but UGA fans are retarded.
Sliver me Timbers? It isn't pirate day yet...
My God but UGA fans are stupid.
Listening to the games all the way from Sweden kinda sucks.
Chocolate/Vanilla snack packs are the coolest!
Swedish people apparently love hotdogs.

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demand a lot from faculty.

"The pressure is on for a junior faculty member. You have to start a lab, mentor students, teach and establish yourself in the scientific community. You have to find a balance," Sobecky said.

In addition, there are time constraints. A faculty member must complete at least five years of full-time service at the assistant professor level before he or she is eligible for tenure.

However, the maximum time that may be served at the rank of assistant professor or above without the award of tenure is seven years.

"The reality is, a young assistant professor has no more than seven years to establish themselves in research and teaching," McMath said.

The seven-year tenure process only tells part of the story, and faculty continue teaching once it is achieved.

"With tenure I can take more risks, but there is still pressure on my time," Sobecky said.

With constant pressure put on faculty to perform across the board, even after achieving tenure, Tech students encounter a variety of teaching styles and qualities.

The diversity of classes at Tech, such as lectures, labs and recitations, also present a different level of interaction with faculty who are working towards tenure as well as teaching.

McMath said, "It's hard to generalize about faculty, but most of us in this field enjoy teaching and also have a passion for research. Ideally, the professor brings their passion for research into the classroom."

Whether dream or hobby, students play in bands for love of music

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that I go live in a van for nine days," Hobson said. "They just want to make sure that I do well in school, which I have been able to do,"

However, it's not always easy. "On the same tour, I was doing fluid mechanics homework in the back of the van."

Being in a band can help your self-confidence as a person, but it does not help your academic confidence, Wooten's band agreed. But none of the band members seemed to be perturbed by this; in fact, most of the musicians seem to be inspired by the challenge of balancing the two.

Though dreams of being a rock star have surely gone through every band member's head, different students view their own bands differently.

For Hobson, making music is not his true calling.

"This is definitely a hobby," Hobson said. "But [my band] is unique because we don't hate work. Other

political bands say 'screw work, do what you love,' but...if everyone said that, where would we buy our instruments?"

Hobson added, "[We realize] that someday we're going to graduate and move to different places. I think we make better music because we aren't trying to sustain it, we're trying to do everything now."

Wooten and his band have a different opinion about their music. Though they see their band as a hobby as well, they're excited to see where the music will take them.

Eric Guenther, a Science, Technology and Culture major and a guitarist in his band From Exile, expressed similar feelings.

"I would love to make a career out of music in any form, band or otherwise, but realistically it's very

hard to get into a career situation with music," Guenther said. "I'm going to do my best and try, but at the same time, I'm going to college just in case." From Exile is composed of three Tech students and one GSU student.

However, with school, work and just having fun, it can be hard to meet up even once a week to practice.

Guenther, who has a job in addition to school, practices with his band once or twice a week if they are lucky. Having a job is often necessary to earn money for musical equipment.

"Everyone is in school and working jobs as well, so it can be hard to get together," Guenther said.



Photo courtesy Cal Wooten

Tech student and bassist Cal Wooten, left, practices with bandmate, guitarist Travis Digges, in Wooten's basement. Though the group practices three times a week, school always remains a priority.

However, many bands must practice more—especially when there is a show coming up.

One of the toughest parts of being in a band is booking shows. But because bands are expensive to start up, booking shows is often necessary as a means of making that money back.

"There's a lot of networking involved, especially when you're starting a band and don't know anyone, and most of your 'growth' is by word of mouth," Guenther said.

However, all students agreed that the work was worth it.

"I'm in a band because I love music and I love creating music. Bands are special because everyone has such

extremely different influences, which come together to create something greater than the sum of its parts," Guenther said.

"It creates stress at times in terms of trying to get shows, recordings, website, etc together," Guenther said, "But in the end, it's my favorite thing in the world, so none of that matters. I just want to rock."

For more info about the bands interviewed in this story, visit www.iwouldetc.com (I Would Set Myself on Fire for You) and www.fromexile.com (From Exile). In addition, visit cyberbuzz.gatech.edu/mn for more information about Musician's Network and Under the Couch.

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We're ready to play when you are - except for the following days and times...

28-24. Nuff said.

To Clemson: Hasta la pasta 6pm Sunday and physics 1 assn still not out

People need to pull the fire alarms more often...it would get these fanatic Halo players out into the sunlight!!

Increase the freakin print quota! I'm payin for this ish!!

Increase the print quota!! We're all paying for this ish!!

Damn A/C blasting. Can't we just set thermostats to a comfy 75?

damn A/C, why so cold indoors when its so nice outside??!!

You got to love the career fair... hahaha, people, you will NEVER get a job! Not ever if you wear a tie.

Take that Clemson, sucks to be you. Nothing worst than having a pussy-cat for a mascot

Believe in the Power of Rammen.

More tuition increases? GIVE US A BREAK Mr Perdue!!!

Go Jackets! Go squadron, do good! Beat the opponents! Soundly!

In the skirmish!

huh

Zipper is surly! He is uncaring!

I'd like to give a shout out to all my Dogfood Gangstas. Canned or Dry, We Neva Die.

uff ajay devgan

Grass Party theme this week: Satan can eat my dung.

Tentative Grass Party theme for next week: school sucks but at least you have both your nuts.

The career fair is one of the only things that puts my tuition to good use.

May you forever be stuck in a 'While' loop

By the Numbers: 91 The amount of points scored in two games by the #1 ranked "Slow Children Playing" in B League intramural football (gave up 0 points)

pi kap hos have trucker ass!

A hot chick actually talked to me at the career fair ... musta been the suit.

HPS 1040 professors need to be clued in that they teach HEALTH and that compared to our other classes, their class doesn't matter!!

Get over yourselves!

sometimes it seems like there is no way out

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Meet some of the bands of Tech as they talk about how they balance rehearsals, gigs and schoolwork. **Page 13**

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Preview Tech's upcoming swimming season and learn more about this exciting sport. **Page 35**

Upstart showcases more than bands



By Hillary Lipko/STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

The Futureheads kicked off part two of the 99X Upstart Fest last Sunday. The concert festival featured six up-and-coming bands who played throughout the afternoon and evening to a sold-out crowd.

By Hillary Lipko
Entertainment Editor

99X's Upstart Fest began a year ago as a concert festival to showcase alternative music's up-and-comers. What was intended to be an annual event became, in only a year, a multi-part event due to its immense popularity.

This past Sunday six Upstart bands performed at the Masquerade Music Park to a sold-out crowd for part two of this year's Upstart Fest.

The music began at 2:30 p.m. with British band the Futureheads, followed by another band hailing from the British Isles, the Delays. The festival closed that evening with an incendiary performance by Scottish rock quartet Franz Ferdinand.

In between, festival-goers got to sample the musical stylings of bands ranging from the Athens-rock of the Whigs to the description-defying dance-rock fusion of the Scissor Sisters. All of the bands at Upstart had something unique to offer.

In between sets, or even during the sets of bands they didn't care for, audience members could beat the heat and spend a little time indoors in the Masquerade's Heaven.

Here, the "world's largest video game party," GameRiot, had set up shop.

GameRiot is a traveling video games event and competition that boasts over 70 PC and Xbox gaming stations showcasing some of the newest and most popular games of the year.

Stepping into the GameRiot setup was a near-sensory overload. With DJ music blaring over the sound system and the glow of nearly 100 LCD and plasma screens lighting up an otherwise darkened room, it

"I admittedly missed the Whigs' entire set because I got a little wrapped up in playing *Halo*..."

was a beautiful sight to behold for any gaming enthusiast.

A closer examination of the floor revealed dozens of games, many of which are still unreleased such as *Star Wars: Battlefront* (release date September 20th) and *Red Ninja: End of Honor* (release date January 3rd).

All of the PC games ran on what appeared to be top-of-the-line Alienware computers, which is enough to turn many gamers green with envy.

It was not too hard to get wrapped up in the excitement of GameRiot and forget entirely about the concert festival going on outside. I admittedly missed the Whigs' entire set because I got a little wrapped up in playing *Halo*, though I was told by an audience member that I "didn't miss anything."

Frankly, I probably should have kept playing *Halo*, because the interlude that followed was downright irritating. Apparently, this guy nicknamed "Parade Kid, the Italian Elf" is supposed to be funny.

Of course, like a lot of people who are supposed to be funny, he succeeded only in being mind numbing and annoying. I could have done without it.

Fortunately, the bands that followed more than made up for the *faux pas* that 99X made in their lineup. The Scissor Sisters, a band composed of a female lead singer and four burlesque drag queens, delivered quite possibly the most unique performance of the day.

Their music can best be described as dance pop-infused rock, with obvious influences by the B-52s and the Bee Gees. The Sisters' set was high energy and solicited a very favorable reaction from the crowd.

Following the Scissor Sisters came

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Silver City could use some polishing

By Evan Zasoski
Senior Staff Writer

John Sayles's *Silver City* is one of the most infuriating sort of movies to review. It's almost a good movie. This film can see the top of the mountain from where it is, and it's a shame that it just doesn't get there.

When all is said and done, *Silver City* will have you walking out of the theater feeling very 'blah.'

"While shooting a campaign commercial...the Pillager campaign inadvertently stumbles upon a dead body floating in the water..."

The ads for this film would have you believe that it's a feature-length lampoon of President Bush's early days as a gubernatorial candidate, with Chris Cooper playing the nail-on-the-head-edly named Dickie Pillager with Richard Dreyfuss as his handler, Chuck Raven (read: Karl Rove).

Frankly, this would have been a much better movie than what *Silver City* really is: a par-at-best detective story starring Danny Huston in a performance that's about one step evolved from just sitting there and reading the script.



Photo courtesy Newmarket Films

Candidate Dickie Pillager (Chris Cooper) delivers a campaign speech in the political satire *Silver City*. The film also features Richard Dreyfuss as Chuck Raven, Pillager's senior advisor and political strategist, and Danny Huston as the private investigator hired to investigate an alleged plot against the campaign.

The plot goes like this. While shooting a campaign commercial at a remote but scenic lake in Colorado, the Pillager campaign inadvertently stumbles upon a dead body floating in the water.

Concerned that it is a dastardly plot to discredit them, Richard Dreyfuss' character hires a down-on-his-luck private investigator named Danny O'Brien (Huston) to get to the bottom of it.

Aside from the occasional appear-

ance by Cooper or Dreyfuss, you can pretty much write off the next hour and a half. The movie meanders through a needlessly complex web of lies and deceit before O'Brien finally makes his way to the startling truth which will shake the very core of your being.

One of the big problems I have with this movie is that the only plot line I really cared about consistently plays second or even third fiddle to other story lines which aren't even

half as interesting.

I didn't care about the incompetent detective. I didn't care about Pillager's emotionally scarred sister. And I couldn't have possibly cared less about the Latino chef's misadventures playing at O'Brien's lackey.

Also, somewhere along the way, John Sayles apparently began to confuse the Republican party with the

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Folk singers who have funny names

This Sunday, September 19th Ani DiFranco will be appearing at the Tabernacle. The show starts at 8 p.m. and tickets cost \$27.50.

Not starring Oprah Winfrey

Through September 30th, the Alliance Theatre in Midtown is staging a production of Alice Walker's classic, *A Color Purple*. Show times vary, but most are at 8 p.m. Tickets will cost \$25-\$50 unless it's a preview performance, which end the 16th and cost \$15-\$25.

Van Halen plays Phillips Arena

That's right, it's the one and only Van Halen. The show is this Friday at Phillips Arena, and it starts at 7:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$90, so be prepared for a very expensive rocking of your socks.

Have you got a little indie in ya?

Next Tuesday starting at 8 p.m., the Echo Lounge is hosting "An Evening of Independent Film and Music." So lace up your old Converse sneakers and throw on your finest Ben Sherman button-down shirt because this show is free.

Wimbledon cast serves winning film

By Katherine Colmer
Contributing Writer

Game, set and match—Wimbledon is an ace. Director Richard Loncraine’s latest effort provides audiences with a fresh take on an often-told tale. Tennis pro Paul Bettany (*A Beautiful Mind*, *Dogville*), who once ranked 11th in the world but has never won a championship, is now the wildcard in his last pro tournament, the elusive Wimbledon. Enter Kirsten Dunst (*Spiderman*, *Bring It On*), an American hotshot rookie with the passion to win both the tournament and his heart. While the previews make the movie out to be another chick-flick sports movie, *Wimbledon* adds humor and depth to what could have been another dramatic win-or-lose story. The opening credits of the movie

bring the audience directly into the story, creatively playing on tennis and life as a match game. Immediately you wonder where this particular story will take you, even when you thought it would be so predictable. Even the effects of the camera during the tennis shots bring the audience closer to the players than ever before. The movie takes you into the mind of Peter Colt, giving insight and humor during the stressful times of any sports player and beyond. Family lives are brought into the story, giving insight into the reasons why and how someone gets so far in a sport.

Paul Bettany’s portrayal of Peter Colt is his first attempt at comedy, having only done drama before, and this movie shows his ability to not only be believable, but a very funny character. Kirsten Dunst has never brought the sexuality and ambition to a role that she has with Lizzie Bradbury, a fiery young woman who can have anything at her fingertips. Dunst’s comedy, different from that in her bouncy character in *Bring it On*, is equal to her ability to bring her emotions to the surface and convey them so well to the audience.

“Their first encounter, a hilarious scene with a befuddled Colt and a very undressed Bradbury, is both entertaining and appealing.”

So many actresses today rely on their glamour to intoxicate an audience, but Dunst is natural in her role. Lizzie is athletic, brazen and highly determined with Dunst’s acting seeming effortless. The chemistry between these two young actors is a breath of fresh air. Nothing feels forced, and their individual charm combines to bring a sense of warmth and charm to a pair who could have been very hard-edged, unlikable characters. Their first encounter, a hilarious scene with a befuddled Colt and a very undressed Bradbury, is both entertaining and appealing. The leads alone elevate *Wimbledon* beyond mediocre. Though *Wimbledon* may seem to be “just another sports comedy,” the combination of slick direction, appealing characters and sparkling chemistry between the two leads makes this film an all-out winner.

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Illuminati or some other obscenely vast Orwellian organization intent on defrauding the public out of their right to self-governance and free thought. Most of the time I am rather left of center and find myself fairly easily swayed by any piece of media that portrays the right as being buffoonish, evil or both. Still, I found the story about evil Republicans ruling the world and beating all men of good will until they just can’t fight anymore hard to swallow. They’re a political party, not the Empire from Star Wars. *Silver City* isn’t a bad movie per se. However, things like bad pacing, ill-advised casting and the underuse of its strongest story lines in favor of a hackneyed detective story get in the way. Sadly, this movie is strictly for die-hard Bush haters who will force themselves to enjoy the thing just on general principle.

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Local stylists make over one of *Nique's* own

By Amanda Dugan
Contributing Writer

Settling into life at Tech can be hectic. It is easy to get so caught up with classes and meetings that your personal style and care are relegated to being Christmas break duties.

In search of relaxation before I reached my limit, I visited Eclipse Hair Studio and the Neem Tree Spa to change my look and enjoy some pampering.

Atlanta offers many spa options near campus, but two-month-old Neem Tree Spa offers a personal and

spiritual alternative at the Alta West Lofts on 10th Street. Last Wednesday afternoon, I visited Neem for the Neem Tree Facial.

Owner Asha Gomez greeted me and served me hot tea and almonds as I waited. Neem offers a refuge from the hectic life with calm music and soft light that makes the loft space feel like an East Indian village.

After a short wait, Gomez brought me upstairs and gave me a tour of the four rooms.

"Along with the Neem Tree Facial, we offer the four-hand massage, which is a traditional Indian mas-

sage performed by two therapists," Gomez said.

The four-hand massage is \$160; however, for a more budget-friendly choice, Neem also offers a tea peel and a Misra specialty mask for \$25 each.

Indeed, the \$85 Neem Tree Facial was a wonderful treat, though not one I could easily afford again.

"This treatment utilizes pure essential oils, botanical extracts and herbal preparations to rejuvenate skin," Gomez said.

"...I got my Psychology degree and went straight to India to learn skin care. It is my passion."

Asha Gomez
Owner, Neem Tree Spa

After 45 minutes of heaven my face was moisturized to a new level and the knots in my neck and shoulders were finally relieved.

It is clear that Gomez loves her job and clients. "Education was important in my family, but I got my Psychology degree and went straight to India to learn skin care. It is my passion," Gomez said.

Gomez's passion is the primary reason that after a bowl of fresh fruit ("We serve fruit after every service," Gomez said), I left refreshed and



By Kenneth Baskett/STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Dugan was impressed by the service and the atmosphere of both Neem and Eclipse. She also is very happy with the subtle new look she now has.

ready to continue treating my skin like porcelain.

Although my skin care discipline may be lacking, I am constantly working on my hair. This past May, an overzealous stylist left me with few options other than hot rolling my hair for style.

In search of a new stylist, I visited Eclipse Hair Studio which is just a few minutes from campus at 916 Joseph Lowery Boulevard.

Eclipse is a multicultural salon located in an old soap mill. Guest Relations Manager Celeste greeted me at the door and took me on a

quick tour.

"In front we have our products and fountain. Our salon carries Bumble & Bumble, Kérastase, Bodyography Cosmetics, and Barabars," Celeste said.

Celeste showed me the stylist stations, which owners Jon Devlin and Scott Ryden had specially designed so that the mirrors appear to float from the high ceilings.

"We were one of the first ones in this area when we moved. But it has been such a great space," Jon

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By Jamie Howell/STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

'*Nique* writer Amanda Dugan before treating herself to a makeover and an afternoon of pampering courtesy of Eclipse Hair Studio and Neem Tree Spa.

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By Robert Zimmerman
United Features

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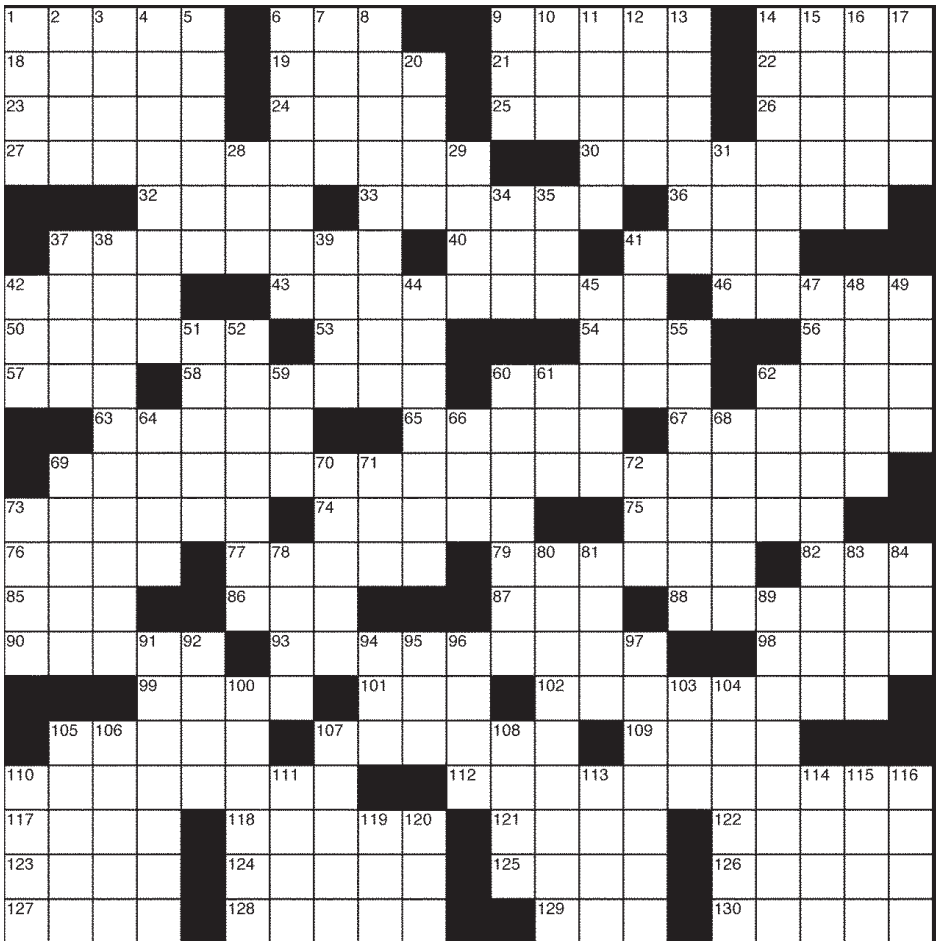
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14. Cumberbund
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21. Backsword
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23. ___ ___ once (without warning)
24. Orient
25. Shorthand, for short
26. Store
27. Start of a quip by writer Sam Ewing: 3 wds.
30. Part 2 of quip: 2 wds.
32. Hoover Dam lake
33. Changes chemically
36. Sang-froid
37. Drug: prefix
40. Treeless peak
41. Line of stitches
42. Fat
43. Part 3 of quip: 2 wds.
46. Slipped and compact
50. Rush
53. Roman 1501
54. Fellow
56. Upper limit
57. Native of: suffix
58. Most sad
60. Stage part
62. Diva's offering
63. Fey and Turner
65. Falsehoods
67. Put forward
69. Part 4 of quip: 5 wds.
73. Journey of a kind
74. Fields
75. Luster

76. A king, they say
77. "___ Gantry" (w i t h "over")
79. Capsized
82. Recipe meas.
85. Part of ETA: abbr.
86. Confederate soldier
87. Plus
88. Cut
90. Deciduous tree
93. Part 5 of quip: 2 wds.
98. Eskers
99. Operates
101. Seaman
102. Extreme evil
105. Put on
107. Tennis star ___ Wil-liams
109. Birds, in biology
110. Part 6 of quip: 2 wds.
112. End of the quip: 3 wds.
117. Butterine
118. Scarcer
121. Standard
122. Fume
123. Baking chamber
124. Aquatic plants
125. "Rule Britannia" com-poser
126. Maternally related
127. Favorites
128. Wanton looks
129. Upperclassman: abbr.
130. Send

DOWN

1. "Let us ___ ..."
2. Aureole
3. Rights org.
4. Fellow traveler
5. OT book
6. Shrove ___
7. Salad of cabbage
8. Wraps, in a way
9. Kiang or onager

10. Tap
11. Minds
12. "The Biggest Little City in the World"
13. Dance company
14. Raw fish dish
15. Opposers
16. Pit
17. Peddle
20. Fit to ___
28. "___ a Camera"
29. Part of NLRB: abbr.
31. Natterjack
34. Mil. rank
35. Number prefix
37. Sets
38. Until now
39. Approach
41. Kind of lily
42. Letters on a dial
44. Younger
45. Poetry
47. Audition of a kind: 2 wds.
48. Pile of stones
49. Quarrel
51. Al Capp creation
52. Instrument for J.S. Bach
55. Ground together
59. Exploit
60. Aleut
61. Pin
62. Wimbledon winner
64. Persia, post 1935
66. Professional org.
68. Stockholm resident
69. Laissez-___
70. Action-movie hero
71. Mineral
72. Abbr. in a gazetteer
73. Paving stone
78. Pastures
80. Strives
81. Perfect place
83. Remain behind



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84. Pay-___ -view
89. "Daily Planet" employee: 2 wds.
91. Items for young artists
92. French writer
94. Western Indian
95. Fight
96. Oka river city
97. Traveling peddlers
100. Of nerves

103. Campers: abbr.
104. "You could have knocked ___ with a feather"
105. Figure out
106. Chirp
107. A fabric
108. Ship of 1492
110. Croquet wicket
111. Dale
113. Eagle of Greenland

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Studio 200 rocks the kasbah!!
Sliver you're own timbers...
touting your self-preceived intellectual superiority is just makes you a smart ass.
Look! More Beasties!!
If I had a studfinder, I would mod it so it went crazy when I was around.
Milking spiders...that wouldn't be a very fun job.
I STILL buy used toiletpaper.
Crabbuckit
which of the 2 girls from Panama?
Underwear is for the faint of heart. Also for those forgetful when zipping up. Also for anyone going to a job fair. Or both. Oh hell.
Hey Bonds: hit number 700 when I get to Milwaukee tomorrow.
Is anyone else there?

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Devlin said. Celeste introduced me to stylist Kathy, who immediately began running her hands through my hair and asking how I would prefer it to look. “What shade of brown do you like? How long works for you?” Kathy said. I had simply asked for a cut and color that would look good, but she was careful to understand the subtleties of what I wanted. Kathy colored my hair chocolate and painted in some caramel highlights right before rinsing. A medium length layered haircut later and my hair was stylish and straight again. Stylized cuts start at \$40 and highlights start at \$60. My treatment at Eclipse cost \$105 but was

well worth the experience. Eclipse also has makeup, waxing and nail services. “I want highlights like hers,” a customer who was having her nails painted commented as I was getting ready to leave. Although the change in my skin is less obvious, friends are quick to note they like my change in hair color. “It finally looks natural and one color!” my childhood friend Daniel Hendrix said over breakfast recently. “The change makes your skin tone stand out,” Biology graduate student Stacy Shinneman said. More importantly, Eclipse Hair Studio and the Neem Tree Spa both give Tech students the option to take care of themselves close to home while offering unique atmospheres and personal service.

“We were one of the first ones in this area when we moved. But it has been such a great space.”

Jon Devlin
Owner, Eclipse Hair Studio



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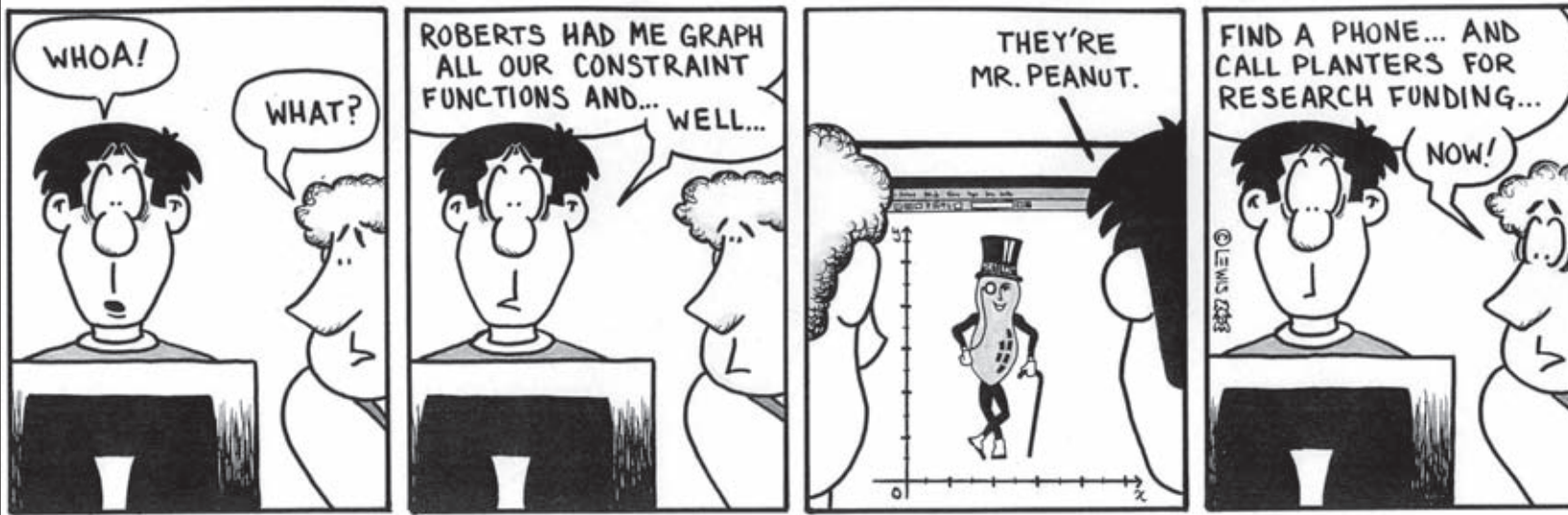
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the first of the night's two headliners, the Killers. By this time, the park had filled to near capacity, and it was nearly impossible to navigate through the crowd within 50 feet of the stage.

It's hard to say whether the Killers are a better band live than they are on their record, though their performance on Sunday at least broke even on the comparison.

The excitement and energy of both the band and the audience hit its peak when the Killers played their single "Somebody Told Me." The set ended after one more song and the crowd was left hyped for Franz Ferdinand's set.

There seemed to be a considerable amount of time between the end of the Killers' set and the start of Franz Ferdinand's, but it was worth the wait. Franz Ferdinand performed a much better set than I could have ever expected.

When many bands play, the audience reaction is the strongest during the band's most popular songs. This was the case throughout the day and was no exception for Franz Ferdinand.

However, the audience energy reached comparable levels during several other songs in Franz Ferdinand's set, including a few new tunes.

When they left the stage after playing a nearly 60-minute set, the audience called for an encore. The band obliged and treated the crowd to yet another new song.

Taking into account the quality of performances at this year's Upstart Fest and its continually increasing popularity, 99X might even have to add a third part next year in order to keep fans satiated.

Provided that the lineups and the quality of the performances in future years remain up to the standard of those so far, there are no complaints here. Bring on the Upstart bands.

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Quit whining, don't be a know-it-all, bathe for once

Alright, here's the thing. There are some things that have really been getting under my skin lately, and I've decided to use my weekly soapbox for the purposes of pointing them out and mocking them.

So without further ado, I, the Two Bits Man, do not approve of the following persons, entities or instances of nonsense to the respective degrees enumerated below.

1) People who think Calculus I was "Oh my God, like, the hardest thing EVER!"

Who are you people and how did you get into this school? Calculus I? Are you freaking kidding me?

What? You can't take a derivative now? Do all those deltas and sigmas hurt your widdle head? Here's a tip, kiddies.

If you can't do basic calculus, you probably ought not be enrolled in one of the hardest engineering schools on the face of the planet.

Do the rest of us a favor and take that weak-ass crap on down the road to UGA, where your incessant whining can't give us all blinding migraines.

Oh, and on a related note, if you're in a class whose course number begins with the letters M, G and T and you so much as complain about how much homework you have tonight, I'll kill you with my own two hands.

2) People who just kind of assume that they're geniuses:

You know who you are, you insufferable twits. You're the ones who are always walking around like you own the place.

You talk down to everyone you see (this is, of course, assuming that you have deigned to talk to them at all), and show up to class just so you can make a big show about how simplistic and blasé you find the whole exercise to be.

Hey, Dr. Hawking, if this school is so beneath you, then why aren't you at MIT or Princeton? Better yet, if your brain is so ridiculously huge, why can't you devote just a little bit of its power and ability to not looking like you were dressed by a blind beggar woman?

Yeah, that's what I thought. Shut up and take off those damned sunglasses.

3) That B.O. smell in the CoC:

For those of you who have never had reason to spend an extended amount of time in the States Cluster in the College of Computing Building, count yourselves lucky, because

that place reeks.

Seriously, it's like Satan's gym shorts in there. I know that we Computer Science majors aren't exactly known for our social, interpersonal or hygiene skills, but come on, guys.

If your bodily funk is so strong that it permeates the very fabric of the space around you to such a degree that all the Febreeze in all the stoners' bedrooms in all the world could never, ever to-

tally mask the unholy effluvium, then I don't think I'm entirely out of line in suggesting that it's bath time, dammit.

Wow, it feels pretty good to finally get that stuff off my chest. In closing, I would like to take this opportunity to apologize to anyone that I may have offended in the last four hundred words or so.

If you're an idiot, a narcissist or you smell bad, I'm sorry. It was cruel of me to point out your obvious but hilarious failings to the entire student body like that. You have my apologies. But still, if any of this hit a little too close to home, you might want to take my advice to heart.

In closing, I feel it necessary to state that if you fall into one of my above categories, I don't hate you. I just wish you'd bathe. Or shut up.

In fact, I think just staying out of my way might work best for us both. That way, you don't have to change your habits and I don't have to smell you.



football forecast

Each week during the football season, the *Technique* will pick a list of college matchups to be played that weekend. The person who submits the list with the most correctly projected winners receives a prize. In the event of a tie, the winner is determined by the person who most accurately predicts the score of Tech's game. To submit your picks, go to www.nique.net/footballforecast. This week's games are:

- Maryland vs. West Virginia
- Duke vs. Virginia Tech
- Louisiana Tech vs. Miami
- Akron vs. Virginia

- Ohio State vs. NC State
- Tech vs. Carolina
- UAB vs. Florida State
- North Carolina A&T vs. Wake Forest
- Clemson vs. Texas A&M
- Florida vs. Tennessee
- Marshall vs. Georgia
- Oregon vs. Oklahoma
- LSU vs. Auburn
- UConn vs. Boston College

Sports Editor's record: 9-1
Last week's winner:
Ben Hobson

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the weekend. Gergen hit .467 on Friday and followed that up by hitting an even more impressive .524 on Saturday.

At times, the Tech team has struggled to find its rhythm this season, fighting through most games, win or lose, with scores closer than the final outcome would suggest.

The success of the team over the past several seasons means that "people bring their best game against us", Coach Bond Shymansky said. "Our team is still trying to find the killer instinct."

"Instead of making them a learning tool, we have to make them a success story and that's really where we are as a team right now. We have got to work harder than we have ever worked before to get these victories," Shymansky said.

The senior Kuhn sees the need for growth as well. While the home opener was helpful, she said, in getting team chemistry where it needs to be.

"Even though we have five seniors, there is a lot of chemistry we still need. Just to click and to believe that everything is going to work; taking swings at the ball, being confident with it, but its getting there, its really coming along now", she said.

Both she and Shymansky are looking forward to the upcoming games against Miami, Middle Tennessee State and IPFW as opportunities to bounce back from the loss and get momentum for the rest of the season.

The team has the veteran leadership and new faces it needs to go a long way this season. This squad is certainly much more determined than discouraged by the losses, and consistent play at the lofty levels of

last season is much more a question of when the team will gel than if it will. Shymansky said that while the road trip will be good for the team, "We need to get back home and keep playing in our building because our crowd is such a significant support structure for us."

The team returns to try and start a new home win streak the 24th and 25th of September, with games against ACC foes North Carolina and NC State.

Georgia Tech Invitational	
Friday	
Georgia Tech def. Xavier 30-23, 30-12, 30-20	
Xavier def. Tennessee Tech 30-16, 30-24, 30-13	
Saturday	
Georgia Tech def. Tennessee Tech 30-23, 30-21, 30-22	
Ohio State def. Xavier 30-22, 30-18, 30-22	
Sunday	
Ohio State def. Georgia Tech 30-26, 30-28, 30-28	



NORTH CAROLINA (1-1) VS. GEORGIA TECH (2-0)

By Edward Tamsberg



The Tar Heels began their season with an 11-point victory against William & Mary, but after last Saturday's 24-56 loss to UVA, their progress in the ACC is questionable. UNC is led by senior quarterback Darian Durant who is known not only for his great passing abilities but his running prowess. On the defensive side of the ball the team is held together by sophomore linebacker Larry Edwards. The Tar Heels will be looking to redeem themselves from their embarrassing loss to UVA last weekend.

"He is tough and physical and their quarterback was somewhat of a runner... He can throw it about as far as anyone I have seen..."

John Bunting

UNC head coach on P.J. Daniels and Reggie Ball

By Staff / THE DAILY TAR HEEL



Four Key Questions

• What kind of a threat is Darian Durant to Tech?

Durant is one of the most versatile athletes to ever play at UNC. He has already broken every record for career passing and total offense for the Tar Heels and is ranked 13th on the ACC's all-time passing efficiency chart and 16th in career passing yards. However, the Jacket's defense has exceeded expectations this year. First-year linebacker Chris Reis has been ranked No. 1 in the ACC in tackles, and even with the absence of Eric Henderson the defense held its own against Clemson's top ranked offense. This has been made possible through the efforts of new players like freshman Adamm Oliver.

• Does the Tar Heel's defense have any weight after Bunting's statement on Tuesday?

This past Tuesday Tar Heel's head coach John Bunting made the comment at a Press conference that Gerald Sensabaugh is the only defensive back whose starting job is safe at his weekly press conference as reported by Carolinablue.com. The Tar Heel's defense is missing four starters from their last year's defense including All-American Free Safety Dexter Reid and cornerback Micheal Waddell. It seems that the Tar Heels will be hard pressed to make an impact at Saturday's game if all goes well for the Jackets.

• Is UNC's "explosive" offense something to be concerned about?

The Tar Heels utilize an effective running attack to keep teams off-balance on defense. Sophomore tailback Ronnie McGill is rushing for 95.0 yards per game heading into this weekend and ranks third in the ACC. McGill tallied 133 yards and three touchdowns on the ground in UNC's opener versus William & Mary. Sophomore wide receiver Adarius Bowman leads the Tar Heels in receptions this year with nine for 128 yards. Bowman has one touchdown catch already this year and stands seventh in the ACC in both yards and receptions per game.

• Will Tech play down to the level of the Tar Heels as in times past?

Tech has earned a reputation for playing an up and down season over the last few years, and it has been precisely that image which Head Coach Chan Gailey has been trying to wipe-out. This year Gailey has told all the football players that they must view every game as a "play-off" game and that the Jackets must always play to the level they are capable of playing. This game will be a test of that idea. After an almost lack-luster opener against Samford, fans will be watching to see if Tech can "take it to the little guy."

Last Saturday's win against Clemson in Death Valley has many critics reevaluating their earlier comments on this year's team. Despite the their youth and inexperience the Jackets held on for what was certainly one of the better games in recent memory. However, Tech has a history of playing to their opponent's level with most recently a loss to Duke last year. This year's team has proven that they are better than expected, but can they wipe away the stigma the last few seasons have earned them?

"You have to avoid letdowns. For whatever reason, whether you lose or whether you win, you have to avoid letdowns."

Chan Gailey

Tech head coach on the stigma of up and downs that have plagued Tech for the last few seasons

By Jamie Howell / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS



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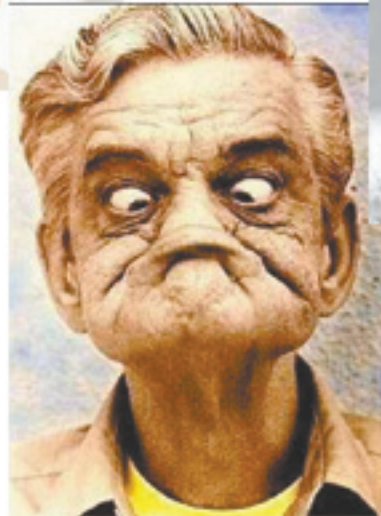
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4:37 remaining in the first quarter. This was not the last time these two would hook up; Johnson caught eight passes for 127 yards in his second career contest.

"[Johnson]'s shown a lot of potential in practice and he's made a lot of plays like that in practice, and it was just a matter of time," Gailey said.

Clemson answered on their first possession of the second quarter. Whitehurst's 22-yard completion to Curtis Baham capped a nine-play, 80-yard drive for the Tigers, tying the score at seven.

Neither team was able to sustain a drive over the rest of the opening half, with Clemson's Tramaine Billie intercepting a pass to halt Tech's best scoring chance of the quarter. Reuben Houston returned the favor, picking off

"[Johnson]'s shown a lot of potential in practice and he's made a lot of plays like that in practice..."

Chan Gailey
Tech head coach

"I think our run game was good tonight, I think we ran the ball real well. I think [the offensive line] really came together, tonight," said senior offensive lineman Andy Tidwell-Neal.

Tech continued to march down the field, meeting little resistance until they neared the goal line. After a short pass from Ball to Johnson, the Jackets had second-and-goal from the one. A run for no gain up the middle and an incomplete pass later, fourth and one stared at the Jackets.

It was decision time, and Gailey decided to take a gamble, calling for a pitch to Daniels. The running back was stopped for no gain, and Tech

turned the ball over on downs to the Tigers.

"I wish I had that over; if I knew we weren't going to make it, I would have kicked a field goal," Gailey said.

The Tech offense appeared to have stalled during the third

quarter, having to fight for positive yardage on the past few possessions. Tiger defenders were coming through unscathed on blitzes repeatedly, barely giving Ball a chance to look for an open receiver.

The momentum started to swing in the Tigers' favor. Late in the third quarter, Tigers' kicker Stephen Furr nailed a 37-yard field goal, putting Clemson ahead 10-7.

Later in the quarter a 62-yard touchdown run by Reggie Merriweather, the longest run of the Tommy Bowden era, would put Clemson ahead by 10 with 8:19 remaining on the clock.

The Jackets continued to struggle, failing to move the ball down the field. It seemed as if Tigers' linebacker Leroy Hill knew the plays before.

Every time Daniels touched the ball, he was in position to make the tackle, and it seemed as if he was making a second home in the backfield, pressuring Reggie Ball on nearly every pass play.

Time appeared to be on Clemson's side as the clock ticked away. The Jackets finally began to show signs of life after the defense came up with a big stop, getting the ball back to the offense with just under six minutes remaining.

Ball completed a crucial third down pass to Johnson for a gain of nine. After a 15-yard run by Daniels, Ball threw a perfect pass to Thomas who caught it in the end zone, narrowing the Clemson margin to three with 4:36 remaining.

The tension in Death Valley mounted. A Tech comeback looked like it was in the making, but a 54-yard touchdown dash by Kyle Browning put Clemson back up by 10. This seemed to end the threat of a Tiger loss, but the game was not over yet.

Ball rallied the team on the sideline. He had little doubt that the Jackets were about to storm back.

"I told them we were going to win, but I didn't know how," he said after the game.

Tech received great field position after a celebration penalty on the Tigers forced them to kick off from the 20, and Thomas ran the kick back a yard shy of midfield.

Two completions to Thomas, a Ball scramble resulting in a third-down conversion, and a 15-yard pass interference penalty later, and the line of scrimmage was the Clemson eight.

Ball calmly lofted a pass to the freshman sensation Johnson for his

second touchdown of the night, bringing the Jackets to within three once again.

A failed attempt at an onside kick, coupled with only a single timeout for the Jackets meant that a Clemson first down would result in a loss. On first down for the Tigers, Whitehurst scrambled, sliding inches away from a first down.

The chances of stopping the Tigers looked bleak, but the Tech defense stepped up. On second down, Whitehurst tried to sneak up the middle. The referees brought out the chains, and he was slightly short of the first down.

On the next play, the Tigers tried to pound the ball up the middle, but

running back Yusef Kelly was met by a wall of Jacket defenders. The ball popped loose; Clemson recovered, but they were once again inches short of sealing the game.

"That was tremendous. We put our goal line defense in

there and tried to see if they wanted to run it outside. I thought we got the fumble, but evidently they recovered it back," Gailey said.

The Clemson punt unit took the field, setting up in their usual unconventional formation with the offensive line spread wide with large gaps in between. The clock continued to run, ticking under 20 seconds, but fate would steal the game from the Tigers before all was said and done.

The end of Clemson's first possession had set the tone for the crazy night. When the Tigers had stalled at the Tech 37, quarterback Charlie Whitehurst remained on the field, producing the illusion that the Tigers were going for it on 4th and 6. Whitehurst had proceeded to take

the snap and execute his first career punt. Perhaps Whitehurst was wishing he had been receiving the snap instead of Chason.

But at the end of the night Georgia native Whitehurst had one more chance to put his Tigers back on top with three seconds remaining.

Eleven seconds remained on the clock, and the Jackets were forced to kick off from their own 20 after an excessive celebration penalty of their own. Clemson speedster Airese Currie returned the kick 48 yards to the Tech 31, giving Whitehurst one more play.

He launched the ball skyward toward the left corner of the end zone, but the pass was broken up, ending the wild affair, and cementing one of the greatest comebacks in the Institute's history.

"This one will rank right up there at the top of all the wins I've been involved in. It really will," Gailey said.

Georgia Tech - Clemson, stats

Georgia Tech	7	0	0	21	—28
Clemson	0	7	3	7	—24

First Quarter

Tech- Johnson 37 pass from Ball (Bell Kick), 4:37

Second Quarter

Clem- Baham 22 pass from Whitehurst (Furr Kick), 12:49

Third Quarter

Clem- FG Furr 37, 00:20

Fourth Quarter

Clem- Merriweather 62 run (Furr Kick), 8:19
Tech- Thomas 19 pass from Ball (Bell Kick), 4:36
Clem- Browning 54 run (Furr Kick), 3:18
Tech- Johnson 8 pass from Ball (Bell Kick), 1:50
Tech- Johnson 11 pass from Ball (Bell Kick), 00:11

Individual Statistics

RUSHING— Georgia Tech- Daniels 24-103, Woods 3-9, Ball 20-0, Grant 1-0. Clemson- Merriweather 8-90, Browning 5-80, Kelly 9-28, Whitehurst 5-25, Stuckey 2-2.

PASSING— Georgia Tech- Ball 20-36-1-251. Clemson- Whitehurst 20-43-2-275, Stuckey 0-1-0-0.

RECEIVING— Georgia Tech- Johnson 8-127, Thomas 8-100, Bilbo 1-13, Grant 1-6, Woods 1-3, Daniels 1-2. Clemson- Grant 6-80, Currie 6-80, Baham 3-41, Hall 1-26, Stuckey 1-23, Kelly 1-20, Merriweather 1-4, Browning 1-1.

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BEYOND THE WHITE AND GOLD

College football’s ups and downs make game great

Edward Tamsberg
Sports Editor

This weekend a silent, annual event took place. It is one that comes with many celebrations and incredible embarrassment: The College Football Upset extravaganza. Each year the BCS and other major methods of prediction come out with their national rankings of college football teams, and every year it changes dramatically within about three weeks of the beginning of the season. Tech has been lucky enough to participate in this yearly event the last two years, and with Chan Gailey at head coach it is not likely to be the last. There certainly are none who can remember the last time they saw 82,000 people silenced so quickly

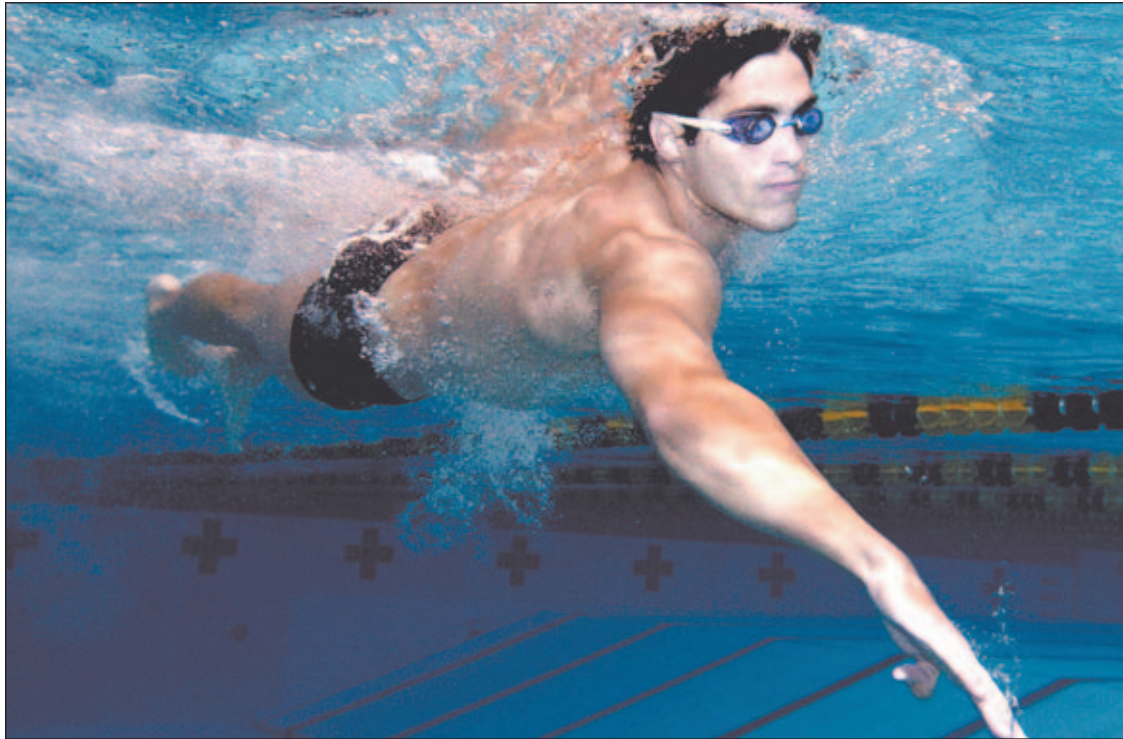
in Death Valley or saw a freshman quarterback pull his underdog team to a victory over a ranked team. I don’t think that there has ever been a team that has kept its ranking all the way through the football season, and who would want to? Volatility is part of what makes college football popular. Every time I go to Blockbuster with my brother we debate about what football game to rent. In the end he demands that we rent NCAA Football. “Because I just like college football more,” he said. I, of course, give in and we end up playing rivalry games until midnight. It is clear to me that he loves the possibility in every game we play. Who is to say that Duke can’t beat Miami? Volatility is part of the fun,

but it also makes the game very difficult for teams to achieve consistent success. There has never been a Dallas Cowboys in the ACC or a Green Bay in the Big-10. “Consistency means that you are trying to play as good as you can play no matter what the situation,” Chan Gailey said in a press conference. “I think you have to educate the college player in that respect a little bit more than you do the NFL player. But the emotion of the game and the ups and downs are not that much different between college and the NFL.” Professional football always receives major media coverage, but there are rarely times when an upset occurs. Teams are a band of brothers, dependent only on each other. Without the outside world to distract them, they are always on target.

“In the Pros you have got them there, kind of locked in and you are reminding them of the importance of the next one and that is the only thing they are hearing,” Gailey said. “Whereas there a lot of outside influences for the college-age guy.” Of course, one of the major reasons for stability in the NFL is the fact that they don’t give up their most seasoned players every year, but if anything, the NFL proves that it is skill and not necessarily experience that makes a player great. The differences between college and pro football are the differences between rookie and veteran. With no bearing and little focus, it is easy for any team to get displaced by one game. This past weekend had a host of examples: underdog Notre Dame upset Michigan in one of the better

games so far; Georgia nearly lost its cool and gave one up to Lou Holtz and the Gamecocks; even Duke, a favorite to win, dropped its game to UConn. However, the biggest game of the past weekend had to be the Tech–Clemson game. “Everything is based on where you stand, and rankings and ratings and stuff like that, so you have to make sure that you stress the importance of every game, every week,” Gailey said. The third week of college football has always proven to be the mainstay of the season, the point where all teams establish themselves as either a never, a maybe or a sure thing. Last year, Tech’s close game to FSU after a huge upset of Auburn put them squarely in the “maybe” category, but this year means to be different.

Swimming team looks forward to new season



By Christopher Gooley / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

This year the swimming team moved into its new facilities at the CRC. The swim team hopes to bring more fans to their meets this year with the added exposure from their location at the Aquatic Center.

By Patrick Odneal
Contributing Writer

In the past the pools at the CRC have been used by many wayward students, jumping off the high dive and playing in the Olympic pool for just some kicks on a lazy Saturday afternoon, but this year is different.

As students got their first glimpse of the new facilities, they may have looked through the windows on the north side of the building and seen swimmers in the distance cutting

through the water and divers doing triple-flips, not horsing around.

Those people form the Tech swim team, and they will soon begin what could be their most exciting year ever.

Tech hosts seven of its nine dual meets this season along with the Men's and Women's ACC Championships. This means that fans on campus have many opportunities to see amazing athletes compete in Tech's world-renowned facilities, and an increased attendance is what the team is hoping to get.

Junior swimmer and women's 100-yd butterfly school record holder Meghan DeVinney said, "It gets you so pumped when there's a big crowd. You can definitely hear it when the crowd is supporting you."

Fellow junior Jacob Wilson said, "The more fans we hear cheering for Tech, the better. I get pumped up by that."

There's certainly plenty of room for large crowds in the Aquatic Center. The former Olympic complex holds 1,900 comfortably. At best last year there were a couple hundred

people watching.

"Two hundred people spread out throughout the whole stadium doesn't look like a lot," Wilson said.

He also noted that last year during the renovation of the CRC it was less convenient to attend their meets.

With the end of construction and with the numerous home meets this season, there's no excuse for a Tech student not to attend at least one meet. Fans will be treated to a display of the talents of some high-quality swimmers in one of the world's best facilities.

Two athletes on this year's swim team bring Olympic experience to campus. Sophomore Vesna Stojanovska represented Macedonia in three events at Athens and will again help lead the women's team. Freshman Onur Uras also competed in the Olympics. He represented Turkey, swimming the 100-meter butterfly.

Also, six returning starters for the men's team and nine returning starters for the women's team currently hold school records in their respective events.

The highlight for most of these swimmers is the ACC Championships. This year the conference championships will be even more meaningful since Tech is the host. Junior swimmer Teemu Kettunen is excited to compete with the rest

of the ACC here on campus.

"I'm looking forward to it so much. I want to show the other schools who we are," Kettunen said.

Tech will show a lot more than just athletic talent when it hosts the ACC Championships. It will show the ACC the quality facilities in the Aquatic Center. The pool itself will obviously be a focal point.

"This pool is phenomenal. We have one of the best pools in the country now. It's exciting in its own right just to swim here and be able to practice here and train here every day," DeVinney said.

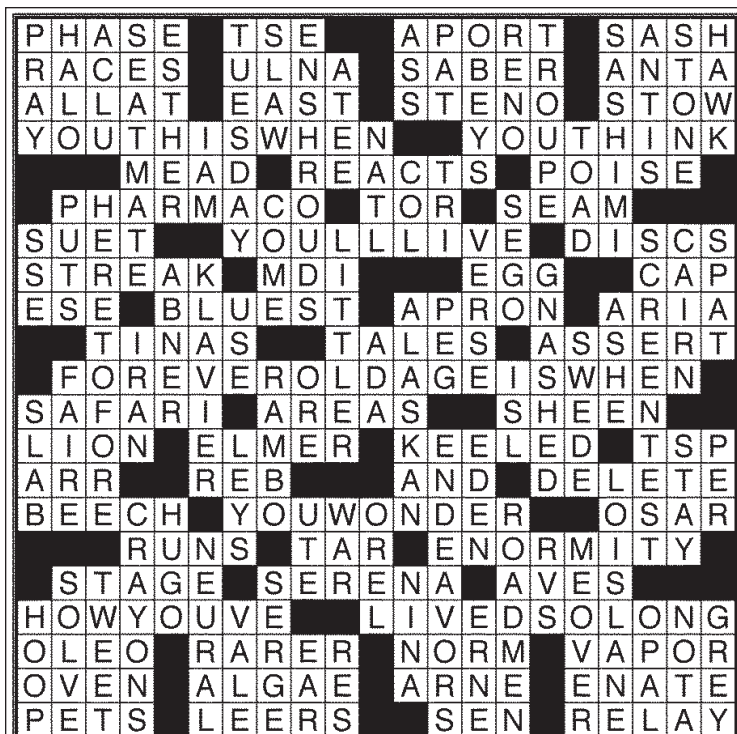
Senior Ann Battle and current woman's school record holder for the mile freestyle said, "There were world records broken in this pool. In the coming years it's going to be hosting some big national meets."

Possible future events include the NCAA Championships, Junior and Senior Nationals and the U.S. Open, along with future ACC Championships.

The first men's meet is Thursday, Oct. 21 against Tennessee. After a trip to Athens for a meet against UGA, both the men's and women's teams compete in a quad meet on Oct. 29 and 30 with Virginia Tech, Maryland and Florida State.

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"That was crazy, wasn't it?"—Reggie Ball

Rally in Death Valley

Tech ends losing streak, stunning Clemson before crowd of 82,000

By Kyle Thomason
Assistant Sports Editor

Fans clothed in bright orange garb poured out of Clemson's Memorial Stadium, Death Valley, in a state of shock. The white and gold minority in the stadium ecstatically rushed onto the field, celebrating Tech's stunning 28-24 upset of the host Tigers.

"Folks, you may watch a lot of football in your life, and you might not see anything like that again in your life. I hope you enjoyed it. I did," said Head Coach Chan Gailey.

Punter Cole Chason never had a chance. The snap bounced toward Chason like a shortstop's worst nightmare as it unpredictably hopped around the backfield. He fell on the pigskin at his own 11, putting the ball back in Tech's hands, down by three with 16 seconds remaining.

Tech rushed onto the field with Johnson lined up wide on the left. Opposite of Johnson was a single cornerback with no help in sight.

Ball calmly approached the line of scrimmage and took the snap. The crowd held its collective breath as the football floated toward the end zone. Johnson leapt, his full concentration on the approaching pass.

He came down with the ball in his possession and the Jackets led by three. After tacking on kicker Travis Bell's extra point, the lead was four, and a night not soon to be forgotten was nearing its end.

"That was crazy, wasn't it?" said quarterback Reggie Ball. "You'll never see another game like it again."

Through most of the second half, the Tigers had dominated the Jackets. The orange congregation could feel a win firmly in its grasp as the clock showed just over three minutes before certain victory, but the Jackets had other ideas.

The Jackets had gotten on the scoreboard first when Ball hit freshman Calvin Johnson on a 37-yard pass for a touchdown with

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Volleyball wins two at home, but loses heartbreaker to Ohio State

By Andy Holt
Contributing Writer

The volleyball team tasted victory for the first time this year over the weekend. The No. 21 Jackets earned wins over Xavier and Tennessee Tech in their first two home matches of the season before falling to Ohio State in the final game of the Renaissance/Georgia Tech Invitational.

For some of the veterans of the squad, returning home was just what they needed. Senior Laura Kuhn said, "It is so great to play at home; in front of the band and all the fans, everyone gets so into it, it is so much fun. It was really good to be home."

For freshman Lindsey Gray, it was her first time seeing the crowd from the court. "I have always been on visits and watched, but to be here and be the player and be here out on the court. I mean, it must be a tough to be the other team when it is a packed house

here," she said.

In the Xavier match, Lauren Sauer hit a season high .375 as the Jackets swept the Musketeers in three games. The Jackets' defense was impressive, holding Xavier to a .172 hitting percentage.

On Saturday, the Jackets posted another dominating performance, beating Tennessee Tech in three straight games. Gray stepped into the lineup and did an excellent job filling in for the injured Abby Showers.

The Jackets lost the finale of their homestand, bowing to Ohio State in three sets. The loss broke the Jackets' 26-match home winning streak. Tournament MVP Stacey Gordon finished the match with 33 kills, affirming her status as a top player nationally.

Seniors Jayme Gergen and Kuhn were named to the All-Tournament team for their impressive performances over

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Freshman Nikki Kaminskas goes up to the net for the Jackets in their match against the Ohio State Buckeyes.

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Hewitt to attend coaches forum

Tech head basketball coach Paul Hewitt is among four of the nation's top young coaches who will appear at the inaugural Basketball Coaches Forum Luncheon on Oct. 6 at the University of South Alabama Mitchell Center.

Softball wins opener

The Tech softball team, led by All-American Jessica Sallinger, opened up the fall season with a 7-1 victory over Georgia Perimeter College on Saturday at Glenn Field.

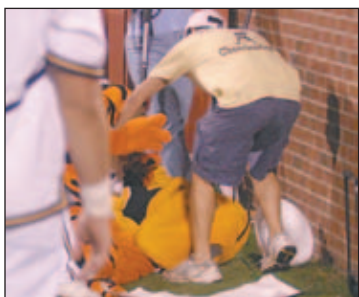
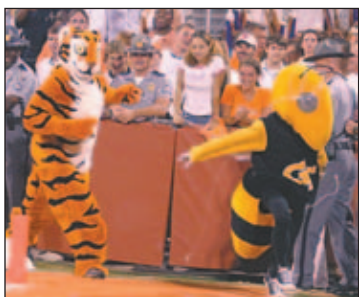
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The score of Tech's victory over the Clemson Tigers. The win came in 1905, well before Clemson's Memorial Stadium had even been built.

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The number of male swimmers that tried out for the first swim team at Tech. The team's first competitive season was 1918, nearly 20 years before drownproofing, a course developed by swimming coach Fred Lounae in 1937.



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Chris Woods makes a flying leap over P.J. Daniels as he makes a run for the Jackets at Death Valley (top).

As the tension mounted between rival fans at Saturday's game, Buzz was attacked by the Clemson mascot. A brawl ensued, after which the Tiger was restrained and lead away by a group of police officers (series).